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Dear Colleagues:

The 431st Session of the General Assembly of Maryland convened on January 9, 2013, and adjourned "Sine Die" on Monday, April 8, 2013. We are pleased to provide you with the **2013 End of Session Report** summarizing major legislative actions taken by the legislature on issues of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB).

On behalf of the Office of Government and Community Affairs, we extend our appreciation to our many colleagues who consistently provided timely and sound guidance on legislative matters. Your efforts ensure that government officials recognize the University's expertise and value to the state.

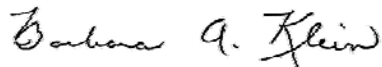
Of the more than 2,600 bills and resolutions introduced at the 2013 Session, the UMB Office of Government and Community Affairs tracked more than 780 bills that could impact the university or our partners, and supported testimony at more than 80 hearings during the ninety day session. Of the bills tracked by this Office, this report summarizes roughly 275 bills. Legislation summarized throughout this report takes effect on October 1, 2013, unless otherwise indicated. The **90 Day Report** published by the Department of Legislative Services was used in providing much of the summary information on the bills included in this report. For additional information, go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/LegisLegal/2013rs-90-day-report.pdf>. Copies of the legislation, related materials, and more about the Maryland General Assembly is available at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>

The 2013 **End of Session Report** also includes the following appendices:

- Appendix I – A list of individuals from the university community who testified at the 2013 Session
- Appendix II – The major reporting requirements in the State Operating and Capital budgets
- Appendix III – New task forces and studies required in legislation which may offer potential opportunities
- Appendix IV – Significant bills that did not pass at the 2013 Session

We express our deep appreciation to the many students, faculty and staff who participated in the legislative process by offering their expertise and advocacy. Please call upon us for assistance with public officials or if you need more information about this report. Many thanks!

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Budget – State Operating and Capital

STATE OPERATING BUDGET

HB 100 - State Operating Budget Bill

HB 102 - Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2013 (BRFA)

Background

The recession that began in December 2007 has been noted by economists as the longest and deepest of the post-World War II period. As a result, State revenues plummeted, causing an almost \$2 billion structural deficit by 2009. Over a several year period, the State dealt with the fiscal problems by relying on a variety of one-time solutions, including massive federal assistance to the states, extensive fund transfers, huge mid-year spending reductions, employee reductions and furloughs, no salary increases for most employees and even temporary salary reductions. In order to retain the State's coveted AAA bond rating, the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC) recommended that at the 2011 session, actions be taken to eliminate the structural deficit over a three-year period. By the close of the 2011 session, the legislature had reduced the structural deficit by a projected 46%.

At the 2012 session, the legislature committed to close the remaining estimated \$1.1 billion structural deficit by at least 50%. However, by the close of the session in April, the Senate and House differed on how to resolve the fiscal problems, and a "doomsday budget" was enacted which was to trigger reductions of more than \$430 million in the State operating budget on July 1, 2012. To avoid the devastating effects of the reductions and to resolve the structural deficit, the General Assembly returned to Annapolis for two special sessions. The first was held in May to pass "legislation to address Maryland's fiscal year 2013 budget." Two major bills were enacted:

- SB 1301 - The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2012 - Increased revenues, reduced future year general fund expenditures, and restored funding to offset the "doomsday reductions" in the State operating budget by changing mandated spending formulas, transferring special funds to the general fund, and phasing the costs of school employee pensions from the State to local school boards.
- SB 1302 - The State and Local Revenue Financing Act of 2012 - Increased personal income tax rates, lowered personal income tax exemptions for certain taxpayers, increased the tax rate on certain tobacco products, and made other tax adjustments. The legislation generates about \$240 million annually in State revenue and about \$60 million in local revenue.

The second special session was held in August to "resolve the issue of gaming in Maryland" and provide significant additional funding for public schools, create more than 2,000 permanent jobs, and keep Maryland gaming facilities competitive with surrounding states. The legislature enacted:

- SB 1 – Gaming Expansion – Video Lottery Terminal and Table Games – Lottery Machines - Veterans' Organizations - Took effect on October 1, 2012, contingent on the passage of a related voter referendum question that successfully passed. Major provisions included authorization of table

games at casinos, 24 hour per day operation of casinos, an increase from 15,000 to 16,500 of video lottery terminals (VLTs), a casino in Prince George's County, and a revised distribution of VLT proceeds. This legislation yields a \$60 million increase in State funds for public schools in FY14 growing to \$250 million by FY17. General fund expenditures decrease by nearly \$60 million in FY14 growing to \$175 million in FY17.

Notwithstanding the slow economic recovery, the actions taken at the special sessions improved the overall State revenue and general fund outlook. However, the looming "federal fiscal cliff" due to sequestration, causes continuing uncertainty and a potential adverse impact on the State budget. In December 2012, the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC) recommended resolution of at least \$200 million in any remaining structural deficit gap in the enacted FY14 State Operating Budget, a \$200 million general fund balance, and a Rainy Day Fund balance of at least 5% of estimated revenues.

Overview of HB 100 and HB 102

As enacted at the 2013 Session, the \$36.9 billion Operating Budget Bill (HB 100) for FY14 increases State spending by only 2.3%, excluding federal funds and Rainy Day Fund appropriations. This is well under the 3.5 to 4.5% forecasted growth in Maryland personal income for calendar 2013 and 2014. The structural gap between revenues and spending is reduced by \$209 million, with ongoing revenues now projected to cover 99% of spending. The remaining structural gap currently is projected at \$175 million. The \$290 million projected general fund balance (FY14) well exceeds the \$200 million recommended by SAC. To cushion any negative impact from federal budget reductions, the Rainy Day Fund balance is expected to exceed \$767 million and additionally \$87 million has been reserved to address programs impacted by federal sequestration. A short overview of key areas in the State Budget follows:

- **Higher Education** - State support for Maryland colleges and universities increases to \$1.3 billion or 7.4% over FY13. Public senior higher education institutions are expected to hold in-state undergraduate tuition to a 3% increase for the fourth consecutive year, following a four-year tuition freeze in effect from FY07 - FY10. Increased general fund support at these institutions is targeted to course redesign, closing achievement gaps, and increasing college completion. In addition, the supplemental budget targeted new funds to historically black institutions (HBIs) for need-based financial aid and conversion of contractual faculty to regular positions. The "strategic alliance" between University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore receives funding to enhance research, technology transfer, and commercialization.
- **Health Care** - The FY14 budget assumes nearly \$350 million in new federal funds to provide Medicaid coverage to an additional 109,000 individuals below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) starting January 1, 2014 under the federal Affordable Care Act. Total Medicaid spending is estimated to exceed \$7.1 billion to provide services to almost 1.1 million Marylanders. Funding is included for the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange which will provide a marketplace for individuals and small businesses to purchase affordable health coverage. It is anticipated that 180,000 Marylanders will gain health insurance through the Exchange.
- **State Employees** - The budget includes funds for a modest 3.0% cost-of-living adjustment for State employees effective January 1, 2014, and for the first time since 2009, funding for employee increments effective April 1, 2014. Salary authority for the retention of faculty and operationally critical staff continues under special provisions in HB 102.

Joint Chairmen’s Report (JCR):

Any reference in this report to either the “Joint Chairmen’s Report” or “JCR” refers to the document jointly issued by the chairs of the legislative budget committees, following enactment of the State Operating and Capital Budget bills. The JCR includes: explanations of legislative actions in reducing the Governor’s proposed appropriation levels, expressions of legislative intent, and requests for studies or reports pertaining to budgetary matters. **Appendix II** in this report summarizes items of interest to the UMB community and any specific reporting requirements.

Specific State Operating Budget (HB 100) and BRFA (HB 102) Provisions

University System of Maryland (USM)

- The Governor’s original budget request for USM in HB 100 approximated \$1.2 billion from a combination of General Funds of \$1.08 billion and Higher Education Investment Funds (HEIF) of roughly \$76 million. Revenues from the HEIF are derived from a statutory 6% of corporate income tax revenues.
 - The FY14 budget request is an increase of about \$82 million or 7.7 % over FY13, which includes \$24.5 million for enhancement funding, including “MPowering,” STEM and health education, commercialization, and academic transformation activities.
 - Further, funds for a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective January 1, 2014, are to be transferred to USM from the Department of Budget and Management’s budget. The COLA totals about \$33 million, of which \$20 million is general funds. This yields a significantly higher increase over the FY13 appropriation.
 - USM will transfer \$10 million from fund balance to augment initiative and program enhancements.

The Governor’s Supplemental Budget and the legislature’s actions modify the FY14 budget as follows:

- Reduction - \$3.0 million - The legislature restricted \$3.0 million, requiring USM to transfer the funds to MHEC (Maryland Higher Education Commission) to increase funding for the Educational Excellence Awards or else the funds revert. (In earlier actions the House had restricted \$5 million for this purpose.) This is need-based aid for full-time students to meet 40% of financial need for 4-year students and 60% of need for community college students, up to a \$3,000 maximum award. There are 31,000 students on the “wait list.” This restriction equates to a \$3 million reduction for USM. The Governor also included \$2.0 million for Educational Excellence Awards in the Supplemental Budget, which the legislature approved (see Appendix II – JCR page 132).
- Restriction Potential Reduction - The legislature restricted \$1.1 million from the Higher Education Investment Fund to be used only for a grant to St. Mary’s College to implement a freeze in the resident undergraduate tuition rate for FY14 and to fund the DeSousa-Brent

Scholars Completion Grant, contingent on enactment of SB 828/HB 831. If funds in the HEIF account are insufficient to cover this restriction, there will be an offset to the HEIF appropriation for USM.

- MPowering Restriction - The legislature added budget language: “ provided that \$6,710,095 of the appropriation for the USM institutions made for the purpose of funding MPowering and technology transfer activities may only be used for this purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.” Explanatory language notes that these activities are part of a new alliance between UMCP and UMB leveraging the resources of each institution to further advance transitioning research from the laboratory to commercial applications (see Appendix II – JCR pages 144-145*).
- Restriction - \$13.0 million - The legislature restricted \$13 million of the USM funding for program initiatives until USM, by July 1, 2013 or 45 days prior to the release of funds, submits to the budget committees a report detailing how these funds will be used and metrics to measure the progress or results of the activities funded. The budget committees have 45 days to review and comment on the report. Pending receipt of the report, the funds may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert if the report is not submitted. Further, it is the intent of the General Assembly that programs funded with initiative funding that meet or show progress toward meeting the submitted metrics in fiscal 2016 will continue to receive funding for an additional two years – see Appendix II – page 142-143*).
- Across-the-Board Reductions – HB 100, Section 20 makes any across-the-board reduction applicable to USM, St. Mary’s College, Morgan State University, and Baltimore City Community College. Section 19 of HB 100 provides for a \$1.3 million reduction across public higher education to reflect favorable trends in health insurance costs. HB 100, Section 42 authorizes certain reductions for pension systems costs to be held in reserve for transfer to the Dedicated Purpose Account of the State Reserve Fund to provide funds to support critical programs impacted by federal sequestration. If not needed for that purpose, the Governor shall transfer any excess funds to the State Retirement System Accumulated Funds account.
- Supplemental Budget – The Governor’s Supplemental included \$2.75 million for USM, primarily to provide \$2.35 million to the historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to convert contractual faculty to regular faculty positions and to increase institutional need-based financial aid, \$100,000 for the UMCP Harry Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, and \$300,000 to support Towson University baseball. These items were approved by the legislature, except that the funds for Towson which were restricted for transfer to USM to be used as matching funds for an intercollegiate athletics donation incentive program for institutions competing in NCAA Division I sports to maintain compliance with Title IX (with a report due by 09/30/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 135).
- Major Information Technology Projects - HB 102 (Finance Article, Section 3A-302) clarifies that a major information technology (IT) project, where a State agency contracts with a public higher education institution to plan or implement the project, is subject to the same review as other major IT projects.

- Rejected Actions - In earlier actions, the House had cut USM by \$4.0 million, and both the Senate and House had restricted USM funds to be transferred to MHEC to hire additional staff. Those actions were rejected in the legislature's final actions on the budget. The Governor provided \$290,000 in the Supplemental Budget for additional MHEC positions, which was approved.

USM will make final budget allocations to the institutions based on the above actions.

- **Tuition Limit for Resident, Undergraduates** - The Governor's allowance included general funds equivalent to a 3% increase in resident, undergraduate tuition rates, which was included in the appropriation. Public senior higher education institutions are expected to hold undergraduate, resident tuition increases to 3% (for the third consecutive year starting in FY11, following a four year tuition freeze in effect from FY07 - FY10).

- **Salary Actions** – HB 102, Section 13 generally prohibits merit increases for state employees prior to 04/01/14, except for increases necessary for the retention of faculty and for operationally critical staff for FY14, as designated by the governing boards for higher education or by the Department of Budget and Management for other state agencies. The applicable provisions follow:

“...That, notwithstanding any other provision of law,

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, State employees employed by any entity, including the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland, may not receive merit increases prior to April 1, 2014.

(b) This provision does not affect: (1) salaries for constitutional officers or members of the General Assembly; (2) increases necessary for the retention of faculty in the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland; (3) payments pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement negotiated with an accredited representative in accordance with Section 7-601 of the Transportation Article; or (4) for fiscal year 2014 only, operationally critical staff.

(c) On or before December 1, 2013, in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland shall each submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted by the governing boards of those institutions to designate operationally critical staff, all staff as identified under subsections (b) (4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation.

(d) On or before December 1, 2013, in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted to designate operationally critical staff, all executive branch staff identified under subsections (b) (4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation.”

- **Reporting Requirements** - Some of the key USM reporting requirements follow:
 - Governing Board of USM (Morgan and St. Mary's) to establish a policy limiting the monitoring of students' social media activities (see Appendix II – JCR page 147)
 - Faculty instructional workload (due by 12/15/13– see Appendix II – page 126*)

- Institutional aid by expected family contribution category (due by 12/15/13 – see Appendix II – page 126*)
- Loan data by expected family contribution category (due by 12/15/13 – see Appendix II – page 126*)
- UMES audit follow-up due to repeat audit findings (due 45 days prior to release of (\$100,000)
- Frostburg report on students receiving associate degree scholar award (due by 12/15/13 - see Appendix II – page 132)
- Coppin special review committee report (due by 08/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 133)
- UMBC report on proposed pilot internship program in STEM/computer science areas (due 12/15/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 134).

University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)

- **Appropriation** - The FY14 budget request of \$200.1 million (\$186.9 General Funds and \$13.2 million HEIF) will be modified by the legislature’s actions shown above under USM. The FY14 budget is a 7.3% increase over the FY13 appropriation of \$186.3 million. The increased funding will support both mandatory cost increases (such as salary actions, fringe benefit costs, facility and utility costs, financial aid, etc.) and new or expanded initiatives (such as MPowering, technology transfer, academic transformation, and STEM/health and workforce activities).
- **\$285,250 Grant for the Governor’s Wellmobile Program** - The FY14 budget continues funding for this grant in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) budget.

University of Maryland Medical Group (UMMG) - Cigarette Restitution Funding (CRF)

- **\$12.4 million - Significant Increase of \$6.2 million over FY13**

The Governor significantly increased the budget request for FY14 and the legislature approved the following appropriations:

- **\$11,206,897 for the UM Cancer Research Grant (up from \$5 million in FY13, representing a 125% increase in funding)**
- **\$1,223,000 for the Baltimore City Public Health Grant (flat funded).**

Background - The University of Maryland Medical Group (UMMG), as specified in law for purposes of the Cigarette Restitution Funds (CRF) Program, consists of the University of Maryland Medical System, University of Maryland, Baltimore, and University of Maryland School of Medicine. FY13 was the 13th year of CRF support.

CRF support was sharply reduced, beginning in FY10 due to severe State fiscal problems. Total funding decreased from \$9.5 million (FY09) to \$2.9 million (FY10), with a significant portion of CRF diverted to offset surging Medicaid expenditures. The cuts reduced funding by more than 75% for three of the four UMMG grants. As a result, two of the grants -- the Statewide Network Grant and

Tobacco-Related Diseases Research Grant -- were terminated and repealed at the request of UMMG. In FYs 10, 11 and 12, the funding remained flat for both other grants--the Cancer Research Grant and the Baltimore City Public Health Grant. Internal funding temporarily mitigated the reduction to the Cancer Research Grant.

In anticipation of the economic recovery, at the 2010 Session the legislature revised State law to require that the Cancer Research Grant be funded at \$10 million annually beginning in FY13. Although the Governor was required to include that amount in the FY13 budget, the Governor proposed to reduce the funding level to \$2 million in the BRFA Bill (SB 150 of 2012). However, the legislature modified the action and appropriated \$5 million (FY13). The Governor included the request for the significant increase for the Cancer grant in the FY14 budget and the legislature approved the appropriation.

University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)

- **\$3,000,000 - Shock Trauma Subsidy** - Since FY10, the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) annually disburses \$3 million to the Shock Trauma Center from the Maryland Emergency System Operations Fund (MEMSOF) as an operating subsidy for standby costs and homeland security requirements. The \$200,000 grant that the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) had annually distributed to UMMS in support of research and educational program costs was discontinued for FY13. HB 1515 (described later in this report) increases the annual vehicle registration fee surcharge from \$13.50 to \$17.00, with the additional fees credited to MEMSOF. This will increase funding for the STC by \$200,000 in future years.
- **\$750,000 – Kernan Hospital Subsidy** - Beginning in FY09, grant funding was included in the Family Health Administration (DHMH) appropriation. As per the Education Article, §13-405, the grant is to enable UMMS to continue to provide uncompensated care and to assist with the capital financial needs in support of the former Montebello population which was transferred to UMMS under §13-402 of the Article.

Other Major State Operating Budget Provisions (HB 100 / HB 102)

Board of Public Works (BPW)

- **Special Provision for Hudson Family** - HB 100 provides under the State Contingent Fund "... that it is the intent of the General Assembly that up to \$300,000 of this appropriation, if determined by the BPW to be appropriate, be expended as a grant to the Alan and Kristin Hudson family for any remaining unreimbursed legal expenses or court costs related to defending the lawsuit brought by the Waterkeeper Alliance lawsuit alleging violations of the Clean water Act. The amount of the grant, if any, shall be determined by the BPW based on documented legal expenses and court costs remaining after deducting any award of legal expenses by a federal court to the Hudson family and taking into consideration private funds raised for the purpose of paying legal expenses." (see Appendix II – JCR page 6*.)

Business & Economic Development (DBED) / MD Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)

- **\$5.0 million – Maryland Innovation Initiative** - Provides funding to promote and accelerate the rate of commercializing research conducted in five Maryland research universities (Hopkins, Morgan, UMCP, UMB, and UMBC).
- **\$10.4 million - Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund** - Supports stem cell research and development grants for Maryland research institutions and private companies.
- **\$3.2 million - Technology Commercialization Fund** - Awards seed funding to early-state companies that partner with universities or federal labs in Maryland or to companies that are tenants in technology incubators.
- **\$10.0 million - Maryland Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit** – Funding increases by \$2 million over FY13. This is a credit against State income tax for investors as an incentive to invest in qualified biotechnology firms. A report is required on the distribution of the credits (due 12/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 151).
- **\$3 million – New Tax Credit Program - CyberMaryland Investment** - Contingent on enactment of HB 803 (which passed), it creates a credit against the State income tax for qualified investments in Maryland cybersecurity companies.

Education, Maryland State Department (MSDE)

- **\$2.2 million- New Program – Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center** - To manage and analyze education and workforce data on each individual student in the State to determine how students are performing and to what extent they are prepared for higher education and the workforce. Center data will be made available online to researchers, policy makers, parents, students, educators, and the public.
- **\$2 million – New Program - Early College Innovation Fund** - Restricts the funds until MSDE submits a report identifying the standards to be used in awarding competitive grants to support early college partnership, a list of projects proposed to receive funding in the first year, and how MSDE will evaluate the impact of those funds (due by 08/01/13 - see Appendix II – JCR page 115).

Health & Mental Hygiene, Department of (DHMH)

- **Medicare Waiver**
 - **Medicare Waiver Application** – Restricts \$100,000 pending two reports in conjunction with the HSCRC on the waiver modernization process—one on the final application with a preliminary timeline for implementation and process for stakeholder input, which is due within 30 days of the submission to CMS and a second report with the final timeline for implementation of Phases 1 and 2 of the new plan and the process for stakeholder input prior to implementation,

which is due within 30 days of CMS' approval of the waiver application (see Appendix II – JCR pages 56-57*).

- **Mental Hygiene**

- **Integration of Behavioral Health Care** - Restricted \$1 million until DHMH submits a report detailing the DHMH Secretary's final recommendation on a model for a behavioral health integrated service delivery and financing system and submit any RFP to implement a new system. Based on a 2011 study, a consultant's report concluded that the State should opt for a new system for the integration of behavioral health, due to the high prevalence of co-occurring substance abuse and mental health conditions. See Appendix II – JCR pages 55-56*.
- **\$5 million – Governor's Supplemental Budget** - Added funding to establish a *New Center for Excellence on Early Intervention for Serious Mental Illness* (\$1.2 million), which will support a new program at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Budget provisions prevent any of the \$1.2 million from being used to "support administrative or indirect costs but which may only be used for direct care services or research activities." (see Appendix II – JCR pages 69-70*).

The remaining funds expand crisis response services (\$2 million), provide crisis intervention teams (\$1.5 million) and mental health first aid. HB 100 also restricts \$2 million until DHMH submits a report by 07/01/13 on the need for crisis response services statewide as well as how the proposed funding will be used (see Appendix II – JCR pages 69-70*).

- **\$509,770 Deficiency (FY13) - Core Service Agencies** - Funding to be used by core service agencies and the University of Maryland to develop and implement a statewide system of care that meets the co-occurring substance abuse and mental health needs of Maryland's children and their families.
- **Other Reporting Requirements**
 - Specialty physician rate increase in Calendar 2013 for evaluation and management rates to extent funds are unencumbered/unexpended is directed (due by 08/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 71).
 - Mental health services for transitional age youth (due by 11/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 69*).
 - Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Aging in Place (due by 11/01/13 - see Appendix II – JCR pages 70-71).
- **Medicaid** - The FY14 appropriation totals \$7.2 billion, growing by only 3.5% over FY13. Major legislative actions relating to the Medicaid budget follow:
 - **Enrollment growth** - Was as high as 11.6% between 2010 and 2011, slowed to 6.7% between FY11 and FY12, and fell to 2.9% through mid-FY13.
 - **Expansion** - Effective January 1, 2014, Medicaid expands to cover those who are at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The Federal government will pick up 100% of the costs through the middle of FY17. After that time, a modest state matching requirement begins at 5%, and increasing to 10%. This means that almost 1.1 million Marylanders will receive full

Medicaid benefits by the end of FY14. HB 100 appropriates about \$350 million in federal funds to cover the estimated cost of 109,000 new enrollees in Medicaid in the first six months.

- Physician Reimbursement - Under the ACA, for calendar 2013 and 2014 only, the federal government pays 100% of the difference between the State Medicaid rates in effect on July 1, 2009, and the Medicare rates for primary care evaluation and management fees. The intent is to increase access to primary care physicians when Medicaid expands eligibility to 138% of FPL on January 1, 2014. In Maryland, this rate increase was also extended to specialty physicians.
- New Information Systems - Funds are appropriated to continue development of a new Medicaid claims system and an information system for the new Health Benefit Exchange.
- Tiered Hospital Rates - HB 102 requires achievement of \$30 million in GF savings from tiered rates for hospital outpatient and emergency department services in FY14 or from lower than budgeted.
- Hospital Medicaid Funding Assessment (enacted in HB 72, Laws of 2011) - HB 102 (Chapter 397 of the Acts of 2011, As Amended) requires that, in fiscal 2013 and 2014, the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) and DHMH must adopt policies that will provide *at least* \$389,825,000 from a combination of special fund revenues and general fund savings from reduced Medicaid hospital or other payments. For fiscal 2015 and annually thereafter, HSCRC and DHMH must adopt policies to provide *up to* \$389,825,000 in special fund revenues from hospital assessment and remittance revenue. HSCRC and DHMH may adopt policies that result in new general fund savings from reduced Medicaid hospital or other payments. Those savings may be used to offset hospital assessment and remittance revenue in the first year those policies are adopted.
- Managed Care Organization (MCO) Rates - By 12/01/13, DHMH must submit a report on MCO rate-setting. The current information system limits DHMH from setting more than three payment regions for MCO rates. The new system will be operational in calendar 2015 and will offer more flexibility in rate setting for MCOs (see Appendix II – JCR page 79).
- Pediatric Dental Surgery - By 09/15/13, DHMH is to submit a report on the increased utilization of pediatric dental surgery, which has resulted in a disproportionate increase in Medicaid-funded pediatric restorative dental surgeries at certain hospitals (see Appendix II – JCR page 75).
- Chronic Health Homes (CHH) and Autism Initiatives - DHMH is still developing the State Plan amendment for the CHH program. Funding was part of the ACA and involves health services that encompass all the medical, behavioral health, and social support and services needed by Medicaid beneficiaries with chronic conditions. There are 100 additional slots for the autism waiver (funding is provided in the Maryland Department of Education).
- **Local Health Department (LHD) Outcomes and Funding** - By 12/01/13, DHMH must report on the challenges that LHDs are confronting with significant reductions in funding, provide data on the resulting negative outcomes focusing on family planning, maternal and child health services, and chronic disease prevention and treatment programs (see Appendix II – JCR page 63).

- **Breast and Cervical Cancer** - By 01/15/14 and 09/01/14, DHMH must report on actual and projected enrollment (see Appendix II – JCR pages 65-65).
- **Health Care Delivery and Planning in Rural Areas** - Requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to convene stakeholders to evaluate current health planning designations, the adequacy of the workforce, barriers caused by distance, adequacy of transportation, and impact of recent hospital consolidation in rural areas, and recommendations for change with a report due by 12/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 82).

Human Resources, Department of (DHR)

- **Child Welfare Caseload Data** - Requires a report on the actual number of cases and filled positions assigned, by jurisdiction, for specified caseload types in order to ensure an adequate child welfare workforce (due by 11/29/13 – see Appendix II – JCR pages 88-89).
- **Cancer Patients and Individuals with Disabilities** – Requires a report assessing current practices and possible improvements to policies and procedures in assisting for benefits (due by 12/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR [ages 86-87]).

Juvenile Services, Department of (DJS)

- **Restricts \$100,000 Pending DJS /University of Maryland School of Social Work (SSW) Report** - Requires DJS, in conjunction with the Innovations Institute at the SSW, to conduct a gap identification analysis of residential and community-based gender-specific services and submits the findings to the budget committees (due by 12/01/13 – see Appendix II –JCR page 155).
- **Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Team** – Requires a report on the operational and fiscal impact of the teams used to conduct internal mental health evaluations (due by 01/01/14 – see Appendix II – JCR page 156).

Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Department of (DLLR)

- **\$2.5 million – New Program - Maryland EARN (Employment Advancement Right Now)** – This new program is authorized under SB 278/HB 227. The program is to create industry-led partnerships to advance the skills of the State’s workforce. Generally, the program will provide general fund grants for job-readiness training and skills training that result in a credential or an identifiable skill, workforce training programs that provide industry-valued skills, and an approved strategic industry partnership.

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)

- **Appropriations** - HB 100 includes the following for FY13, which could benefit UMB students:
 - Wellmobile - \$285,250 (also listed above under UMB)
 - Complete College Maryland - \$250,000 competitive grants for research-based college completion best practices
 - Delegates Scholarships - \$5.5 million
 - Graduate and Professional Scholarships - \$1.2 million
 - Janet Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program - \$1.5 million
 - Loan Assistance Repayment for Physicians - \$1.0 million
 - Nurse Support Program II - \$15.5 million
 - Senatorial Scholarships - \$6.5 million and
 - Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants - \$1.3 million.

- **Reporting Requirements** - Key reporting requirements follow:
 - Revised performance-based funding framework, ensuring that the University of Maryland, Baltimore has the opportunity to benefit from the proposed model (due by 10/15/13 and testing of revised model due by 10/15/14 – see Appendix II – JCR page 137*)
 - MHEC to study higher education needs in Frederick County and in Northeast Maryland (no due date - see Appendix II – JCR page 136)
 - MHEC, in consultation with public higher education, to develop an incentive program for active and discharged military to attend Maryland institutions (due by 12/15/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 139*)
 - MHEC, in consultation with DBM and the HBCUs, to conduct a study to ensure the long-term stability and success of HBCUs (preliminary due by 12/31/13 and final by 12/31/14)
 - Outcomes of students participating in access and success programs by cohort (due by 10/15/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 140)
 - Need-based grant award and other criteria of program changes (due by 10/15/13 – see Appendix II – JCR pages 140-141)
 - Improvements to Student Outcome and Achievement report (SOAR) (due by 06/30/14 - see Appendix II – JCR pages 137-138)
 - Students with learning disabilities (due by 12/01/13 – see Appendix II – JCR page 138).

STATE CAPITAL BUDGET

HB 101 - Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Loan

HB 616 - Academic Facilities Bonding Authority

HB 101 authorizes \$1,080 billion in general obligation bonds to support capital projects. HB 616 authorizes \$32 million in academic revenue bonds for University System of Maryland (USM) facilities. Major capital projects authorized at the 2013 session of interest to the UMB community follow.

University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)

- **\$16,570,000 - Health Sciences Research Facility III & \$5 million in NBF** - Provides capital funds to start construction of a new \$284 million research facility with 332,000 GSF (Gross Square feet) for the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry. The University is committed to funding \$65.0 million of the total cost or nearly 23%. The facility will be located at the site presently occupied by Hayden-Harris Hall (former Dental School building). Approximately one-third of the building will be used for functions currently in the Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF). The remaining two-thirds of the facility will address critically needed research space. The FY14 budget includes funds to complete design, preliminary site work, and the demolition of Hayden Harris Hall. It is anticipated that 3,000 jobs will be created during construction, yielding \$28 million in local and state taxes. Upon completion, 660 new permanent jobs will be created, generating \$8 million annually in state and local tax revenues.

HB 101 includes pre-authorizations to complete construction of HSF III at future sessions as follows: 2014- \$49.0 million; 2015- \$80.0 million; 2016- \$53.0 million; and 2017- \$1.0 million. The State legislature advanced planning funds at the 2011 and 2012 sessions, which totaled \$8.7 million and required \$14.0 million in NBF (Non-Budgeted Funds).

- **\$2.68 million - UMB Facilities Renewal** - For electrical distribution system upgrades, fire alarm system upgrades and replacements, mechanical HVAC upgrades, and MSTF mechanical infrastructure upgrades.
- **\$15,440 - Handicapped Accessibility Modifications** - Miscellaneous projects at the University of Maryland, Baltimore supporting handicapped accessibility modifications that are budgeted under the Department of Disabilities.

University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)

- **\$5.0 million - Trauma, Critical Care, and Emergency Medicine Expansion** - This grant completes the State's funding for the construction of a seven-story addition to, and renovation of, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center (STC) and the Weinberg Building. The new structure houses critical care services, including emergency medicine and trauma surgery, as well as inpatient trauma and surgical intensive care units. Total project cost is estimated at \$155 million with completion in FY14.

- **\$150,000 – New State Support for Shock Trauma Center (STC) Renovation – Phase II** - For renovation of space and upgrade of capital equipment in the STC. Total cost expected at \$35 million, with State support of \$17.5 million spread over FY14 through FY18. Proposed improvements include: central heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems; elevators; plumbing; electrical and security systems; patient rooms and support space; helipad deck; clinical equipment; communications; and information technology.
- **\$10.0 million – New Ambulatory Care Pavilion and NICU and Labor Delivery Suite Renovation at Maryland General** – State funding for a new project (that was not in the 2013 Capital Improvement Plan) with an estimated cost of \$105 million. The legislature added budget language stating intent that the State commitment for the project will total \$50 million in the period FY14 through FY18. The project will fund the construction of the new ambulatory care pavilion and renovation of the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) and labor and delivery suite.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)

- **Spring Grove Hospital Center Consolidation** - \$400,000 with restrictive Budget Bill language (JCR page 223):

“...to design and renovate existing structures in order to consolidate patient activity at the Spring Grove Hospital Center. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 10-306 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Section 10-208 of the Health-General Article, any proceeds from the sale of an existing parcel of the Spring Grove Hospital Center campus made for the purpose of consolidation shall be:

- (1) applied to the renovation of existing structures in order to consolidate patient activity on the campus; and
- (2) any funds remaining after the completion of renovations shall be distributed to Section 10-208 of the Health General Article.”

Other University System of Maryland (USM) Capital Projects

- **Bowie State University**
 - New Natural Science Building - Planning and Construction - \$4.5 million
 - Leonidas James Physical Education Complex - Air Conditioning - \$1.5 million
- **Coppin State University**
 - New Science and Technology Center - Construction and Equipment - \$54.4 million, with \$44.4 million in GO Bonds and \$10 million in Academic Revenue Bonds. A pre-authorization of \$6.0 million at 2014 Session was included.
 - Pedestrian Bridge ADA Improvements - Planning, Construction and Equipment - \$1.8 million

- **Frostburg State University**
 - Center for Communication and Information Technology - Construction and Equipment – \$9.8 million

- **Salisbury University**
 - New Academic Commons - Planning and Construction: \$6.6 million; Pre-authorizations: 2014 - \$59.3 million and 2015 - \$37.8 million
 - Delmarva Public Radio - Relocation - \$900,000

- **Towson University**
 - Campus-wide Traffic and Circulation – Construction - \$7.8 million
 - Smith Hall Addition/Renovation – Planning - \$3.2 million
 - Softball Stadium Improvements - \$500,000 and pre-authorization of \$1.5 million in FY15.

- **University of Baltimore**
 - Langsdale Library Renovation – Planning - \$1.0 million

- **University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)**
 - New Performing Arts and Humanities Building - Construction and Equipment - \$36.1 million
 - Campus Traffic Safety and Circulation Improvements - Planning and Construction - \$2.0 million; Pre-authorization: 2014 - \$10.0 million

- **University of Maryland Center for Environmental Studies (UMCES)**
 - Environmental Sustainability Research - Planning and Construction - \$2.4 million

- **University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)**
 - Remote Library Storage Facility - Planning, Construction, and Equipment - \$6.1 million. Funds restricted pending receipt of a report on the joint use of the facility with the Maryland State Archives.
 - Physical Science Complex Phase I - Equipment - \$5.3 million
 - Campus-wide Building System and Infrastructure Improvements - Construction – \$10 million, with \$5.0 million in GO Bonds and \$5.0 million in Academic Revenue Bonds
 - Edward St. John Learning and Teaching Center – Planning - \$3.4 million
 - H.J. Patterson Wing I – Planning - \$878,000
 - New Bioengineering Building – Planning - \$5.0 million
 - Note: High Performance Computing Data Center: \$12 million grant to Johns Hopkins and a pre-authorization of \$15 million at the 2014 session. Further, restricts use of funds until Hopkins develops, in consultation with UMCP, a plan to provide access to Maryland’s 4-year public and non-profit private institutions of higher education, with 45 days for Budget Committee review.

- **University of Maryland Eastern Shore**

- Aviation Science and Engineering Building - Planning and Construction - \$22.7 million; pre-authorizations: 2014 - \$56.9 million and 2015 - \$350,000

- **University System of Maryland Office (USMO)**

- Universities at Shady Grove - Biomedical Science and Engineering Education Building - Planning - \$5.0 million
- Southern Maryland Regional Higher Education Center (SMRHEC) - Planning - \$1.5 million with funds restricted pending receipt of a report assessing the educational needs of Southern Maryland. Also requires the SMRHEC, USM, and the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance to submit a formal agreement on the roles and responsibilities of each in the design and funding for construction and operating costs (see Appendix II –JCR page 235)
- Capital Facilities Renewal Program - Planning, Construction and Equipment - \$17.0 million in Academic Revenue Bonds

Other Higher Education Capital Projects

- St. Mary's College – Anne Arundel Hall Reconstruction - \$4.6 million; Pre-authorizations: 2014 - \$17.7 million and 2015 - \$8.9 million
- Morgan State University – New School of Business Complex and Bridge - \$50.5 million; Pre-authorization: 2014 - \$3.0 million
- Morgan State University – Super Library Demolition - \$3.9 million; Pre-authorization: 2014 - \$2.1 million
- Morgan State University – New Jenkins Behavioral and Social Science Center - \$0.3 million
- Morgan State University – Athletic Facility Renovations - \$0.2 million
- Johns Hopkins University – High Performance Data Center - \$12.0 million and Pre-authorization: 2014 - \$15.0 million (see note above under UMCP)
- Johns Hopkins University – Academic Research Building - \$4.0 million
- Maryland Institute College of Arts – Academic Building and Fox Building Renovation - \$4.0 million
- Hood College – Hodson Science and Technology Center and Tatem Academic Building Renovations - \$2.5 million

Other Hospital Capital Projects

- Prince George's Hospital System
 - Prince George's Hospital System Infrastructure Improvements - \$10.0 million

- New Regional Medical System - \$20.0 million – The total estimated capital costs is \$646 million, including land acquisition of \$30 million, \$494 million for construction, and \$25 million for contingencies. This does not include enhancements to the existing primary care network in Prince George’s County, or the discharge of Dimension’s current liabilities. State support will be \$200 million, with remaining funds derived from the issuance of debt by the newly created corporate entity. It is expected that financing of the debt will be funded through the inclusion of debt service in hospital rates.

The following restrictive Budget Bill Language was added (see Appendix II –JCR pages 242-243*):

“ provided that \$5,000,000 of these funds may not be expended until a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered into between the new Prince George’s County Regional Health System (PGHS), the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) that, as part of the development and construction of the new regional medical system, includes preliminary agreements with any required State funding needed to align institutional assets in a manner that supports the viability of PGHS through the creation of joint educational programs, research collaborations, and advancements in the fields of health sciences. The MOU shall be planned in a manner that:

- (1) advances new and existing joint research efforts between UMCP and UMB and improves the health care status of citizens of the county through these programs at PGHS;
- (2) increases educational opportunities in the health sciences fields; and
- (3) provides the basis for increased economic development in the county.

Further provided that the budget committees shall have 45 days from the receipt of the MOU to review and comment.”

- Anne Arundel Medical Center - Renovations - \$500,000
- Chester River Hospital - Emergency Department - \$900,000
- Civista Hospital - Emergency Generation - \$250,000
- Holy Cross Germantown Hospital - Perinatal Unit - \$1,300,000
- Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center - Emergency Department - \$975,000
- Kennedy Krieger Institute - Pediatric Units - \$500,000
- MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital - Cancer Center - \$375,000
- St. Agnes Hospital - Cardiovascular Services Unit - \$674,000.
- Shore Health System - Diagnostic Imaging Center - \$540,000

Economic Development and Business

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HB 182 / SB 98 Business Regulation - Other Tobacco Products Wholesalers - License Fee Exception for Cigarette Subwholesalers

Exempts a licensed cigarette subwholesaler from having to pay a fee of \$250 to the Comptroller in an application for a license to act as a wholesaler of other tobacco products, including cigars or any rolled tobacco (other than a cigarette) that is intended for consumption either by smoking, chewing, or as snuff. The Act establishes parity between licensed cigarette subwholesalers and licensed cigarette wholesalers.

HB 226 Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013

This Administration bill creates a “carve-out” for energy derived from offshore wind in the State Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS), beginning in 2017, and extending beyond 2022. The bill establishes an application and review process for proposed offshore wind projects by the Public Service Commission (PSC). The bill establishes a Maryland Offshore Wind Business Development Fund and Advisory Committee in the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to promote emerging businesses related to offshore wind. The bill also establishes two task forces to study clean energy educational programs, each of which include one member of the Senate of Maryland and one member of the House of Delegates. The Clean Energy Program Task Force must study the feasibility of establishing a terminal degree or certificate program in clean energy at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Similarly, the Clean Energy Technical Education Task Force must study the programs and course offerings in the area of clean energy, with a particular emphasis on wind energy, and identify areas in which additional programs and courses can be offered at the community colleges in the State.

HB 227 / SB 278 Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Program

These Administration bills establish the Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Program in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR) to create industry-led partnerships to advance the skills of the State’s workforce, grow the State’s economy, and increase sustainable employment for working families. DLLR must establish and administer the program in consultation with the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) and the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) to provide competitive grants for specified industry partnerships and training programs. DLLR must also develop and implement a State employment advancement strategy, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and develop a “Train Maryland” website in consultation with DBED and the Department of Information Technology (DoIT).

DLLR must convene a working group of stakeholders including interested employers, nonprofits, workforce training entities, higher education institutions, community colleges, and LWIBs to advise on the initial development and implementation of the program. These bills take effect June 1, 2013.

HB 328 / SB 779 Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit - Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Company - Definition

These bills expand eligibility for the biotechnology investment tax credit by specifying that a biotechnology company that has been in active business for up to 10 years from the date the company first received an investment by an investor eligible to receive the tax credit can qualify as a biotechnology company and be eligible to receive investments for which tax credits can be awarded.

HB 335 / SB 900 Baltimore City - Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreements - Economic Development Projects

These bills expand the authorization for Baltimore City to enter into payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements for economic development projects to allow PILOT agreements for projects located in any part of Baltimore City rather than only for projects located in specified urban renewal areas of Baltimore City.

HB 347 Professional Engineers - Firm Permits

This departmental bill establishes a permitting framework for professional engineering firms and generally requires that, beginning on October 1, 2015, a corporation, partnership, or limited liability company (LLC) must hold a permit issued by the State Board for Professional Engineers before the firm may operate a business through which engineering is practiced.

HB 386 Income Tax Credit - Qualified Research and Development Expenses - Credit Amounts and Small Business Refund

Companies that incur qualified research and development expenses in Maryland are eligible for the research and development tax credit. House Bill 386 (Ch. 109) expands the existing research and development tax credit by increasing from \$6 million to \$8 million the aggregate amount of credits that DBED may approve in each calendar year. The aggregate amount includes an increase of the amount of basic credits that may be awarded annually from \$3 million to \$4 million and an increase of the amount of growth credits that may be awarded from \$3 million to \$4 million.

HB 560 Public-Private Partnerships

The Act establishes a State policy on the use of P3s and expressly authorizes specified State "reporting" agencies to enter into P3s. P3s are a method for delivering public infrastructure assets using a long-term, performance-based agreement between reporting agencies and a private entity where appropriate risks and benefits can be allocated in a cost-effective manner between the

contract partners. The private entity performs functions normally undertaken by the government, but the reporting agency remains ultimately accountable for the public infrastructure asset and its public function. Also, under a P3, the State may retain ownership of the public infrastructure asset, and the private entity may be given additional decision making rights in determining how the asset is financed, developed, constructed, operated, and maintained over its life cycle. P3s are explicitly excluded from most provisions of State procurement law but are subject to prevailing and living wage requirements and the Minority Business Enterprise program. Only reporting agencies identified in the bill may establish a P3. Reporting agencies include the Department of General Services (DGS), which oversees building purchases and leases for most of State government, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA), and State higher education institutions. However, in addition to existing exclusions, P3s subject to the bill do not include agreements entered into by St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM), Morgan State University (MSU), and Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) in which State funds are not used to fund or finance any portion of the project. Specified revenue-producing transportation facilities are also not considered P3s.

HB 613 Sustainable Communities - Designation and Financing

This departmental bill authorizes specified local governments to finance the costs of infrastructure improvements located in or which support "sustainable communities," including the cost for operation and maintenance of infrastructure improvements in the same manner as transit-oriented development (TOD) districts. The Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) may enter into agreements with specified local governments to issue bonds supported by tax increment financing (TIF) or other similar financing instruments on behalf of sustainable community infrastructure investments. By October 1, 2013, the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) must produce a report on TIF best practices and, in consultation with MEDCO, develop an online TIF education course with a certification component.

HB 795 / SB 757 Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Act - Discrimination Against Employee - Complaints

Allows an employee to initially submit a complaint orally to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, if the employee believes that an employer or other person has discriminated against the employee on the basis of information gained through group medical coverage or because the employee filed a complaint, brought action, testified, or exercised rights under the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health (MOSH) Act. However, for an oral complaint to be accepted as timely by the commissioner, the employee must subsequently submit a signed written complaint within seven business days of making the oral complaint.

HB 803 Income Tax - Business and Economic Development - Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit

This departmental bill creates a tax credit against the State income tax for qualified investments in Maryland cyber security companies. The refundable credit is equal to 33% of the qualified investment, not to exceed \$250,000, and is to be claimed by the Maryland cyber security company.

The amount of credits that the Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) can award each year cannot exceed the amount of money appropriated to a reserve fund established by the bill. The bill requires the Governor to appropriate at least \$2 million to the reserve fund in each fiscal year (the fiscal 2014 budget as enacted includes \$3 million in general funds). The program terminates June 30, 2019.

HB 804 / SB 784 Employment Discrimination - Reasonable Accommodations for Disabilities Due to Pregnancy

Requires an employer, if an employee requests a reasonable accommodation for a disability caused or contributed to by pregnancy, to explore all possible means of providing the reasonable accommodation, including (1) changing the employee's job duties or work hours; (2) relocating the employee's work area; (3) providing mechanical or electrical aids; (4) transferring the employee to a less strenuous or less hazardous position; or (5) providing leave. Further, an employer must transfer the employee for a period of time up to the duration of the employee's pregnancy under specified circumstances and post in a conspicuous location, and include in any employee handbook, information concerning an employee's rights to reasonable accommodations and leave for a disability caused or contributed to by pregnancy.

HB 1098 Task Force to Study the Applicability of the Maryland Prevailing Wage Law

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Applicability of the Maryland Prevailing Wage Law. Specifically, the task force is charged with examining how the prevailing wage law is applied to school construction projects. It must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2013.

HB 1130 / SB 758 Labor and Employment - Lien for Unpaid Wages - Establishment

Allow an employee to establish a lien for unpaid wages, not including commissions, against an employer, and establish a procedure for the employer to dispute a lien for unpaid wages. A lien for unpaid wages is enforced in the same manner as any other judgment under State law. The commissioner may seek to establish a lien on behalf of an employee, and the commissioner must establish the content of the notice, complaint, and wage lien statement.

HB 1170 / SB 965 Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund Workgroup

These bills require the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development to establish the Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund Workgroup to examine the creation of an investment fund. The Secretary of Housing and Community Development is required to report the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2013.

HB 1303 / SB 809 Maryland Legal Services Corporation Funding - Abandoned Property Funds

This bill increases, from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million, the amount the Comptroller is required to distribute from abandoned property funds to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) and clarifies that the money is to be distributed to the MLSC Fund. The bill also repeals provisions requiring the Governor to appropriate the specified funding.

HB 1315 Economic Development Programs - Data Collection and Tracking (Maryland Jobs Development Act)

The Maryland Jobs Development Act, requires DBED to compile data and report annually on economic development programs administered by DBED, including certain economic and financial assistance programs and tax credit programs. The report must include data, if applicable, on the number of jobs created, the number of jobs retained, estimated State revenue generated, and any other information required through regulations. If a recipient of assistance from an economic development program is not meeting the requirements of the program, the measure requires DBED to implement a process to assist the recipient in meeting the requirements.

SB 8 Gas Companies - Rate Regulation - Infrastructure Replacement Surcharge

This bill authorizes gas companies to file a plan with the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting authorization to include a surcharge on customers' bills to recover specified costs associated with proposed eligible infrastructure replacement projects. The bill establishes a limit for the surcharge that may be imposed of \$2 per month for each residential gas customer. The surcharge for a nonresidential customer must not be less than the fixed annual surcharge applicable to a residential customer account, but also must be capped. PSC may approve a plan if certain conditions are met. The bill also specifies how a plan is accounted for in the event of a base rate case and how differences in the actual cost of a plan and the amount collected from the surcharge are handled.

SB 70 Business and Economic Development - Enterprise Fund and Invest Maryland Program

This bill makes several changes to the Enterprise Fund and the Invest Maryland Program by (1) altering the permissible uses and allocation of funds received by venture firms; (2) allowing DBED to acquire greater ownership interests; (3) clarifying insurance company restrictions related to ownership of venture firms; and (4) altering certain reporting requirements. The measure also limits the amount DBED may invest in a side car fund, defined as an entity controlled by or under common control with a venture firm that is formed solely for the purpose of investing alongside the venture firm.

SB 305 Division of Labor and Industry and Associated Boards and Councils - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

The bill repeals the termination date for DLI and requires an evaluation of DLI and its associated boards and councils by July 1, 2023. The bill also repeals the termination dates of the State

Employment of Minors and Wage and Hour Laws. It retains the termination dates for all other associated boards and the Apprenticeship and Training Council and extends them by 10 years to July 1, 2024.

The bill eliminates the penal bond requirement (\$7,000) for employment agencies. The bill repeals the Advisory Council on Prevailing Wage Rates and transfers its duties to the Prevailing Wage Unit. The bill standardizes the authority of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to investigate existing labor laws, so now, in response to written complaints received, the commissioner must investigate all labor laws enacted in Title 3 of the Labor and Employment Article.

SB 682 Portable Electronics Insurance - Compensation of Employees of Vendor, Disclosures to Customers, and Study

This bill prohibits a portable electronics vendor, or an authorized representative of the vendor, from using the sale of portable electronics insurance as the sole basis for an employee's compensation. This provision terminates after four years at the end of September 30, 2017. The bill also alters the disclosures required to be provided to customers by a licensed vendor at each location where a portable electronics insurance policy is offered or sold. Under the bill, the vendor must disclose the key terms and conditions of coverage rather than the major features of any exclusions, conditions, or other limitation of coverage. The bill also requires the Commissioner to (1) review the laws and practices of other states relating to the offering of limited lines insurance; (2) review the National Association of Insurance Commissioners' (NAIC) guidelines and standards for the sale of limited lines insurance; (3) determine the appropriate regulatory structure for the sale of limited lines insurance; and (4) report any findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by December 1, 2013.

Education

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HB 7 Southern Maryland Higher Education Council - Modifications

This bill adds a member of the public with an extensive knowledge of higher education in Maryland to the Southern Maryland Higher Education Council which is authorized to develop a strategy for improving access to higher education for the residents of Southern Maryland. The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is required to staff the council. The date by which the council must present a final report with a long-term strategy for improving access to higher education in Southern Maryland is extended by one year, to December 1, 2013.

HB 207 Education - Truant Students

This bill requires each local board of education to develop a system of active intervention for students who are truant. Any student attending kindergarten through grade 12 who is truant, which is defined as being unlawfully absent more than 8 school days in any quarter, 15 days in any semester, or 20 days in a school year, must immediately be referred for intervention. Further, the bill makes clear that a local board of education may intervene in the case of a student who is frequently absent from school for both lawful and unlawful purposes even if the student is not a truant student as defined in the bill.

HB 238 Morgan State University - Board of Regents - Length and Limitation of Terms and Residency Requirement

Alters the term of office of a member of the Board of Regents of MSU to five years and prohibits a member from serving more than two consecutive terms. Additionally, the bill limits the number of members of the board who are not alumni and who may be residents of other states to three. The residency requirement does not apply to the student member or a member of the board who was appointed on or before December 31, 2012. Finally, a member of the board who was appointed on or before December 31, 2012, may not serve, on completion of that term, more than one additional term of five years.

HB 268 University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science - Joint Graduate Degree Granting Authority

Authorizes the Board of Regents of USM, subject to the approval of MHEC, to authorize UMCES to award graduate degrees in marine and environmental sciences jointly with another public four-year institution of higher education and to award post-baccalaureate certificates. The Marine-Estuarine-Environment Sciences program was established in 1978 as an interdisciplinary and inter-institutional graduate program and the program currently offers master's and doctoral degrees from USM four-

year institutions in six areas: oceanography; fisheries science; ecology; environmental molecular biology; environmental chemistry; and environmental science.

HB 453 Education - Maryland Center for School Safety

This bill establishes the Maryland Center for School Safety as an independent unit of State government to be based at Bowie State University (BSU). The Governor must provide \$500,000 in the annual State budget for the center. The center may establish three satellite offices at institutions of higher education as specified. The bill identifies 20 functions and duties of the center that provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to school safety, including developing a website containing a searchable database of school safety resources, assisting local school systems in conducting a thorough assessment of their school safety data, assisting local school systems with school building layouts and use of human resources for monitoring school safety measures, and assisting local school systems to improve and monitor traffic control measures around schools to reduce the potential for accidents.

HB 526 Higher Education - Maryland First Scholarship - Creation and Funding

Establishes the Maryland First Scholarship for first-generation students who meet certain eligibility requirements such as residency in Maryland, a demonstrated financial need, and at least a 3.0 grade point average at the end of the first semester of the senior year of high school or, if the individual graduated from high school more than four years prior to enrolling in an eligible institution, at least 40 hours of verifiable community service in the year before applying for the scholarship. A recipient may use the award for the tuition and mandatory fees and on-campus room and board at any public or private nonprofit institution of higher education in the State that possesses a certificate of approval from MHEC.

HB 527 Frederick Regional Higher Education Advisory Board

Establishes the Frederick Regional Higher Education Advisory Board to conduct an assessment of unmet higher education needs in the region and assist in establishing a Frederick Regional Higher Education Center. The fiscal 2014 budget includes \$120,000 in general funds to conduct a study for Frederick regional higher education and to conduct a study for the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board.

HB 813 Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

This bill establishes a Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The task force is charged with studying the impact of expanding the availability of credit and noncredit course offerings for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher education in the State, including costs; distance-learning options; pathways to meaningful credentials or gainful employment as defined in regulations adopted under Title IV of the federal Higher Education Act; and barriers and

logistics. MHEC is required to staff the task force and a report with findings and recommendations is due by January 1, 2014.

HB 830 Alternatives to the General Educational Development Tests - Study

In response to concerns about the changes to the GED test, House Bill 830 (Ch. 141) requires the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning (DWDAL) to conduct a study to identify alternative methods for an individual to earn the equivalent of a high school diploma without passing the GED. By December 1, 2013, DWDAL must report on the results of the study, which must consider, among other things, whether an alternative method presents greater opportunities for individuals to obtain the equivalent of a high school diploma and whether the costs of an alternative method as compared with the costs of the GED tests justify the adoption of an alternative method.

HB 831 / SB 828 St. Mary's College of Maryland - Tuition Freeze and DeSousa-Brent Scholars Completion Grant

These bills freeze the undergraduate resident tuition at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) at the fall 2012 rate for the two academic years beginning in fall 2013 and fall 2014. To help offset the tuition freeze, the Governor is required to appropriate \$800,000 for SMCM from the Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF) in fiscal 2014 and \$1.6 million in fiscal 2015. Beginning in fiscal 2016, the general fund appropriation for SMCM must include the fiscal 2015 appropriation from this grant. The bill also establishes the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Completion Grant for SMCM, which requires the Governor to appropriate a specified amount to SMCM from HEIF for fiscal 2014 through 2019 to increase the retention and graduation rates of DeSousa-Brent Scholars. If SMCM meets specified performance measures regarding DeSousa-Brent Scholars, beginning in fiscal 2020 the general fund appropriation for SMCM must include the fiscal 2019 appropriation from this grant.

HB 860 Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013

This bill authorizes up to \$1.1 billion in debt to be issued by the Maryland Stadium Authority for the purpose of constructing and improving public school facilities in Baltimore City. The legislation specifies \$20.0 million in State lottery proceeds, in combination with \$40.0 million in Baltimore City and school system funding, annually to support the debt until no further debt is outstanding. The debt is not considered tax-supported State debt and, therefore, is not counted for debt affordability purposes. In addition to managing the funds, MSA is responsible for building new and replacement schools, and the school system will manage the renovation projects approved in the 10-year plan. However, the legislation retains Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC) project approval and monitoring of project procurement and quality.

HB 863 / SB 841 Higher Education Fair Share Act

These Administration bills authorize an employee organization to collectively bargain with institutions of the University System of Maryland (USM), Morgan State University (MSU), St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM), and Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) regarding the right of the employee

organization to collect service fees from nonmembers. If a fee is negotiated and collected, employees of the affected institutions whose religious beliefs preclude them from supporting collective bargaining organizations must make an equivalent payment to a charitable organization and provide written proof of the payment to (1) the president of the institution or the president's designee and (2) the employee's exclusive representative.

Most employees of USM, MSU, SMCM, and BCCC, including senior administrators, faculty members, and student employees, are not subject to collective bargaining and, therefore, are not currently in a bargaining unit. While an exclusive representative bargains for all members of a particular bargaining unit, only a portion of these individuals pays union membership dues to the representing organization. A service fee is paid by an employee to his or her bargaining unit's exclusive representative to offset costs attributable to the collective bargaining process. Generally, this fee is less than the fee charged for union dues.

Current law authorizes the state to collectively bargain with the exclusive representative of a bargaining unit for service fees from state employees who are not members of that exclusive representative. Thus, employees who are in a bargaining unit but are not members of any employee organization must pay the service fee if a fee is successfully negotiated. Likewise, employees who are dues-paying members of an employee organization that is not the exclusive representative must also pay any negotiated service fee.

HB 935 Public Institutions of Higher Education - In-State Tuition for Military Veterans

Exempts honorably discharged veterans from the U.S. Armed Forces from paying out-of-state tuition at a public institution of higher education in Maryland if the individual resides in or is domiciled in the State. Under the bill, all honorably discharged veterans who live in or move to Maryland may receive in-state tuition without meeting a 3- or 12-month residency requirement, or without attending and graduating from a high school in the State and enrolling at a public institution of higher education within four years of discharge, which is required under Chapter 191 of 2011.

HB 963 Edward T. Conroy and Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Programs

Establishes the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program for the child or surviving spouse of a public or nonpublic school employee who died in the line of duty or is 100% disabled due to an injury sustained in the line of duty. The Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program is established under the same provisions of law as the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program, which awards postsecondary education financial assistance to several categories of students, including a child or surviving spouse of members of the U.S. Armed Forces or State or local public safety employees who died in the line of duty or suffered a 100% permanent disability sustained in the line of duty.

HB 983 / SB 143 Public Schools - Emergency Management Plans - Evaluations

These bills require local boards of education to evaluate the emergency management plan (EMP) in each public school by February 1, 2014. Each local board of education must also submit a report to MSDE on the required evaluation by March 1, 2014. By July 1, 2014, MSDE must submit to the

General Assembly a report on EMPs in State public schools, recommendations on improving the EMPs, and the cost of improvements to the EMPs. The fiscal 2014 capital budget also includes \$25 million for statewide public school security improvements and budget narrative requests that counties and local education agencies make installing controlled access measures in all public schools a priority in allocating school construction funding.

HB 1012 / SB 414 Higher Education - Tuition Waiver - Foster Care Recipients

Further expand the tuition waiver program to include individuals who are placed into guardianship or who are adopted from an out-of-home placement by a guardianship family. The bills also expand the credentials eligible for the tuition waiver to include a vocational certificate at a Maryland public institution of higher education. Additionally, the bills prohibit a scholarship or grant for postsecondary study received by specified foster care recipients eligible for a tuition waiver from being applied to tuition.

HB 1014 / SB 815 Public and Nonpublic Schools - Epinephrine Availability and Use - Policy

Authorize each nonpublic school in the State to establish a policy authorizing school personnel to administer auto-injectable epinephrine to a student who is determined to be or perceived to be in anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the student has been previously identified as having an anaphylactic allergy or has a prescription for epinephrine. The policy must also include training for school personnel by a qualified health care practitioner on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, procedures for the emergency administration of auto-injectable epinephrine, and an ongoing process for oversight and monitoring of the policy by a licensed health care practitioner. The bills also provide that a school nurse or other school personnel at a public school or school personnel at a nonpublic school may not be held personally liable for any act or omission in the course of responding to a child's anaphylactic reaction.

HB 1019 / SB 586 Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region

The bills establish a Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region, including Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties, to provide the low-income, working poor, and unemployed populations of that region with fresh farm products. The task force is staffed by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission. Members of the task force do not receive compensation. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Agriculture and the General Assembly by December 1, 2013.

HB 1107 Prince George's County - School System - Academic Revitalization and Management Effectiveness Initiative PG 411-13

This bill revises the governance of the Prince George's County public school system by restructuring the county board; enhancing the authority of the Prince George's County Superintendent of Schools – redesignated to be the CEO; and giving the County Executive of Prince George's County additional

authority to select the CEO while reducing the authority of the county board. With the changes, Prince George's County becomes one of three counties that have a hybrid school board consisting of appointed and elected members (the other counties are Caroline and Harford). The Act takes effect June 1, 2013.

HB 1131 / SB 857 Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial

Create the Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial. The commission is required to (1) identify an appropriate site on property located within the State Capitol Complex or another appropriate site in Annapolis in close proximity to the State Capitol Complex for the location of the memorial; (2) estimate the total funding required for the design, construction, and appropriate placement of the memorial; (3) consider preliminary design ideas for the construction of the memorial; (4) make recommendations regarding an appropriate site for the location of the memorial and the design of the memorial; and (5) provide ongoing review and recommendations regarding the funding and construction of the memorial. The commission also is required to report its initial findings and recommendations, on or before December 1, 2013, to the Governor for possible inclusion in the fiscal 2015 operating and capital budgets, and to the General Assembly.

HB 1176 / SB 461 Primary and Secondary Education - Online Courses and Services - Accessibility

These bills codify the requirements established in Chapters 287 and 288 of 2012 that the development, review, and approval of an online course or service by MSDE must include an assessment regarding the accessibility of the online course or service to individuals with disabilities, including the blind. To that end, MSDE may contract with a third party to develop an accessibility assessment or conduct an assessment of course accessibility that will determine the approval or denial status of the course and provide feedback to the course provider.

HB 1342 / SB 945 Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Governing Board and Data Transfers

This bill requires private nonprofit institutions of higher education that receive State funds to transfer student-level enrollment data, degree data, financial aid data, and credit data for all students to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan. The bill also establishes that for-profit and private nonprofit institutions, including the Maryland Independent College and University Association (MICUA), are not liable for a breach of confidentiality or for a disclosure, use, retention, or destruction of student-level data transferred in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan to MLDS that results from an act or omission by the MLDS Center, a State agency, or a person provided access by the center or a State agency. The bill also adds the President of MICUA, or the President's designee, to the governing board of the center.

SB 54 Maryland Higher Education Commission - Scholarship Funds - Technical Alterations

This bill alters the method of holding and accounting for the Educational Excellence Fund, the Edward T. Conroy (and Jean B. Cryor) Scholarship Fund, the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Fund, and the Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grant Fund. This bill alters these

scholarship funds from being non-budgeted accounts to being separate special, non-lapsing funds administered by MHEC, held by the State Treasurer, and accounted for by the Comptroller.

SB 56 Unauthorized Institutions of Postsecondary Education - Transcripts, Diplomas, and Grade Reports - Penalties

Prohibits a person from buying, selling, distributing, using, offering, or presenting as genuine a transcript, diploma, or grade report of that institution of postsecondary education. A person who violates the provisions of Senate Bill 56 is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a maximum \$1,000 fine or imprisonment for up to six months, or both.

SB 63 Maryland Higher Education Commission - Institutional Renewal Fees and Religious Educational Institutions

This bill clarifies and alters the conditions under which MHEC may authorize religious educational institutions to operate without a certificate of approval. Specifically, if a religious educational institution is accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the institution must obtain a certificate of approval from MHEC before the institution may operate in the State. Conversely, a non-accredited religious educational institution may operate without a certificate of approval from MHEC; however, the institution is prohibited from offering instruction in nonsectarian or general education and the institution must disclose that it does not have a certificate of approval on all transcripts, catalogs, advertisements, and publications. Additionally, the Act expands the list of written acknowledgements that must be made by a student regarding the limitations of the instructional program of an exempt institution prior to enrollment.

SB 153 Higher Education - Academic Credit for Military Education, Training, and Experience

This bill requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with the public institutions of higher education in the State, to develop and adopt guidelines on awarding academic credit for a student's military training, coursework, and education. The governing body of each public institution of higher education in the State also is required to develop and implement policies, in accordance with the guidelines developed by the commission, governing the award of the academic credit.

SB 431 Higher Education - University System of Maryland - Quasi-Endowments

This bill authorizes the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland (USM) to maintain and manage quasi-endowment funds; however, the board may only make a one-time transfer of no more than \$50 million from the non-State supported fund balance to the quasi-endowment fund. The board must submit an annual investment performance report on its quasi-endowments by November 1. The bill defines "quasi-endowment funds" as funds that USM retains and manages in the same manner as an endowment. The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

A quasi-endowment is a fund or investment established by the Board of Regents with the expectation that the fund be managed to produce spendable income annually that would be used for a specific purpose, such as a program to provide incentive grants to facilitate institutional fundraising or endowment-building. Like other types of endowments, the expectation is that the original invested amount be invested and managed to last in perpetuity, with only the income used annually for the specified purpose.

Currently, state law requires all state agencies, with few exceptions, to maintain all cash and investments with the State Treasurer, who invests and manages the funds on a statewide basis. Section 12-104(e) (1)(ii) currently allows the System to separately invest gifts, and endowment funds that carry external stipulations. Enabling the establishment of an investment fund with the System's already existing Common Trust Fund at the Board of Regents' direction will enable the System to establish a steady and long-lived resource stream that will support the fund-raising effort without additional burden on state taxpayer dollars.

Enabling the Board of Regents to establish a quasi-endowment in the Common Trust Fund to provide funding and incentive grants for use in the next capital campaign to encourage endowment-building would provide about \$2 million per year in new and additional resources for the fund-raising operation. These funds would be administered under a program to be developed at the direction of the Board of Regents Committee on Advancement.

SB 510 Institutions of Higher Education - Fully Online Distance Education Programs - Regulation

This bill alters the type of institution that is required to register with MHEC before enrolling Maryland students in fully online distance education programs, so that private career schools are excluded. Under the bill, an institution of higher education that is subject to program review by MHEC or participates in the Southern Regional Education Board's Electronic Campus is not required to register. At least twice a year, MHEC must peruse federal databases and other information sources to determine whether Maryland students are enrolled in a fully online distance education program offered by an institution of higher education that is required, but has failed, to register with MHEC.

SB 587 Higher Education - Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship

The bill repeals the Charles W. Riley Fire and Emergency Medical Services Tuition Reimbursement Program effective October 1, 2015, after students taking courses in the 2013-2014 academic year have been reimbursed, and establishes the Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship.

To be eligible for a scholarship, an actively engaged firefighter, ambulance, or rescue squad member must be a Maryland resident and must be accepted for admission or enrolled in a regular undergraduate program at a Maryland public or private nonprofit institution of higher education or a two-year terminal certificate program at a community college in which the course work is eligible for transfer into a baccalaureate program at a Maryland public or private nonprofit institution of higher education. A firefighter or ambulance or rescue squad member must use the scholarship for courses credited toward a degree in fire service technology, emergency medical technology, fire service

management, or public safety administration with a minor or concentration in fire service technology or fire service management.

The bill also creates a nonlapsing special fund to be administered by MHEC for the scholarship and modifies the distribution of the \$7.50 surcharge on certain traffic convictions to be distributed to fund the scholarship program instead of the reimbursement program, upon the reimbursement program's termination. Prior to those funds being available in fiscal 2017, funding for the scholarship must be provided in the annual budget.

SB 740 College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013

This bill establishes a number of requirements aimed at increasing college readiness and completion in the State. Senate Bill 740 is a fusion of several individual higher education initiatives from across the nation rolled into a single piece of legislation.

Provisions of the bill deal with the establishment of high school curriculum and graduation requirements for all public schools by the Maryland State Board of Education (MSDE). The bill directs MSDE to develop a plan, in consultation with institutions of higher education, to improve college and career counseling that is provided to students in middle and high schools.

The bill directs the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to coordinate institutions of higher education throughout the state to ensure the state achieves specified educational goals. It also directs MHEC, in collaboration with the public institutions of higher education, to develop and implement statewide transfer agreements and reverse transfer agreements by July 1, 2016. MHEC and each public institution of higher education must also develop and implement incentives for students to obtain an associate's degree before enrolling in a public four-year institution of higher education. The bill also directs MHEC, in collaboration with institutions of higher education, to create a statewide communication campaign to identify near completers in the state and to encourage near completers to re-enroll in an institution of higher education to earn a degree through an incentive plan.

The bill contains language regarding the development of a "degree plan" which is defined as a statement of the course of study requirements that an undergraduate student enrolled in a public four-year higher education institution must complete to graduate from the institution. Each undergraduate student enrolled in a public four-year higher education institution must file a degree plan with the institution as soon as practicable but not later than by the completion of 30 credit hours of course work. Each degree-seeking undergraduate student enrolled at a community college must file a degree plan with the institution upon entering the institution. Each undergraduate student who transfers to a public four-year institution with at least 45 credit hours of course work must file a degree plan with the institution during the student's first semester at the institution.

The bill also directs each public institution of higher education in the state to develop a pathway system whereby a degree-seeking student is automatically enrolled in courses for the first year of enrollment or is enrolled in courses concurrently with the filing of a degree plan, whichever is later.

The bill standardizes the number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree from a public four-year higher education institution to 120 credit hours. Beginning with fall 2015, the standard number

of credits for an associate's degree from a public community college is 60 credit hours. The standard number of credits required for a baccalaureate degree (i.e., 120) does not apply if (1) the degree program is defined as a five-year baccalaureate degree program; (2) professional accreditation requires a higher number of credit hours or requires course work that cannot be completed in 120 credit hours; or (3) certification requirements result in a need for credit hours in excess of 120.

The standard number of credits required for an associate's degree (i.e., 60) does not apply if (1) the degree program is defined as more than a two-year associate's degree; (2) professional accreditation requires a higher number of credit hours or requires course work that cannot be completed in 60 credits; or (3) certification requirements result in a need for credit hours in excess of 60. MHEC may approve additional exceptions to the credit hour requirements.

Finally the bill contains language that directs MHEC's Segmental Advisory Council to submit a report on Maryland's academic course articulation data system and academic course transferability between institutions of higher education in the State by December 31, 2013.

Environment

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HB 95 Environment - Permits - New Source Performance Standards

This departmental bill alters the public participation requirements associated with the issuance of an air pollution permit to sources that must comply with specified federal air quality (New Source Performance Standards or “NSPS”) regulations. Prior to issuing a permit for a source that must comply with NSPS standards, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) may provide notice either through the current public participation process or by (1) electronically posting a notice of the permit application on MDE’s website; (2) giving notice to the chief executive of any local government in which a portion of the source is located or proposed to be located; and (3) receiving comments from the public.

HB 97 Environment - Sediment Control and Stormwater Management Plans - Authority

The bill establishes a process of self-certification with the State Highway Administration, the Department of General Services, or any other State or federal agency that seeks to serve as an approval authority for these plans. The Act thereby allows MDE to reallocate staff resources for oversight and implementation of higher priority State and federal water pollution control programs, such as triennial reviews of local stormwater management programs, review of municipal Separate Storm Sewer System permits, and implementation of the federal Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load requirements.

HB 554 / SB 563 Environment and Public Utilities - Notice to Neighboring Jurisdictions of Applications

These bills require MDE and PSC, on receipt of certain permit applications, to also ensure that notice is immediately provided to the governing body of each local government within one mile of the subject of the application, as well as each member of the General Assembly representing any part of a county located within one mile of the subject of the application. These notice provisions apply to applications (1) to MDE for a certain air quality permit; (2) to MDE for a proposed incinerator for public use or landfill system; (3) to PSC for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; (4) to PSC for construction of a generating station that meets specified criteria; and (5) to PSC for construction of a generating station and associated overhead transmission lines of certain voltage capacity, or to exercise the right of condemnation in connection with such construction. State environmental laws also contain public participation requirements that must be met before adopting certain types of regulations, such as regulations under the air quality statute.

HB 775 / SB 675 Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup

Establish the Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding the establishment of a pesticide use database. MDA must provide staff for the workgroup. The workgroup must submit its preliminary findings and recommendations to specified legislative committees by December 31, 2013, and its final findings and recommendations to the committees by July 1, 2014.

HB 793 / SB 762 Environment - Asbestos Occupation - Training Program and Examination

These bills alter the definition of an “independent testing organization” for purposes of asbestos occupation accreditation by specifying that an independent testing organization does not provide a training program. The bills authorize a “business entity” to provide a training program, but prohibits a business entity that provides a training program from also administering an asbestos occupation examination.

SB 302 Environment - Water Pollution Control - Reporting

Requires MDE to annually publish on its website the total amount of sewage overflow, in gallons, from sewerage systems into the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries during the previous year, as well as the fines collected as a result of enforcement actions undertaken based on the overflows.

SB 400 Environmental Health Specialists - Licensure Examinations - Applicant Qualifications and Waiver

This bill clarifies the course work requirements for an individual seeking licensure as an environmental health specialist from the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists and alters the circumstances under which the board may waive any examination requirement for an applicant, including requiring an applicant for a waiver to have performed at least 24 months of compensated work as an environmental health specialist or its equivalent in any other state.

SB 1029 Maryland Agricultural Certainty Program

This bill establishes a voluntary Maryland Agricultural Certainty Program to accelerate the implementation of agricultural best management practices to meet State agricultural nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment reduction goals. MDA must develop the program in coordination with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), and the program must be self-sustaining and revenue neutral.

Health and Human Resources

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HB 9 / SB 390 Health - Food Allergy Awareness, Food Safety, and Food Service Facility Letter Grading - Posting Requirement and Task Force

These bills establish the Task Force to Study Food Allergy Awareness, Food Safety, and Food Service Facility Letter Grading. The task force is required to study and make recommendations regarding food allergy awareness and training, food safety training, and the use of systems for grading and classifying health inspection results for food service facilities in the State.

HB 56 State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Criminal History Records Checks

This bill requires all applicants for a license or certificate from the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to submit to a criminal history records check (CHRC). An additional CHRC must be performed every six years. The bill also creates a new ground for disciplinary action if an applicant, licensee, or certificate holder fails to submit to a CHRC as required under the bill.

HB 57 / SB 355 Office of Health Care Quality - Abuser Registry Workgroup

These bills require OHCQ to reconvene the Abuser Registry Workgroup workgroup to (1) review the previous work of the workgroup; and (2) monitor the implementation of recommendations included in the workgroup's report relating to, among other things, initiating a National Background Check Program supported by a federal grant and educating the provider community about best practices for managing abuse and neglect. OHCQ is required to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, on or before January 1, 2014, to the Governor, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee. The bills terminate June 30, 2014.

HB 98 / SB 254 State Board of Examiners of Psychologists - License Renewal

These bills require the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to send a renewal notice to a licensee at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the license and authorizes the board to send such notice by electronic mail if requested by the licensee. If a renewal notice sent by electronic mail is returned as undeliverable, the board must send a renewal notice by first-class mail. Each licensee must notify the board in writing of any change in address or electronic mail address within 30 days.

HB 164 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Regulatory Authority - Permit and Licensing Renewals and Building Plan Reviews

This departmental bill lengthens the validity periods for tissue bank permits (from one year to two years) and residential service agency licenses (from one year to three years). The bill also specifies that a soft drink manufacturing plant must submit for review to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) – rather than to a county health department – properly prepared plans and specifications for any construction, remodeling, or alteration of the plant. The bill’s provisions related to residential service agencies take effect July 1, 2014.

HB 179 / SB 401 Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations - Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements

These bills repeal the requirement that pharmacists report any influenza vaccination administered to an individual age 9 to 18 to the Maryland Immunization Registry. Instead, a pharmacist must report all vaccinations administered to ImmuNet. If the vaccination is administered in accordance with a prescription, pharmacists must document at least one effort to inform the authorized prescriber that the vaccination was administered. If the authorized prescriber is not the individual’s primary care provider or the vaccination is not administered in accordance with a prescription, pharmacists must document at least one effort to inform the individual’s primary care provider or other usual source of care that the vaccination was administered. Pharmacists are not required to inform an individual’s primary care provider or other usual source of care about the administration of an influenza vaccination.

The bills also repeal the requirement that the boards of pharmacy, physicians, and nursing meet annually to jointly develop, adopt, and review regulations to provide for patient safety regarding vaccinations administered by pharmacists.

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to study the feasibility and desirability of requiring all health care providers who administer vaccinations to report the vaccinations to ImmuNet. By January 1, 2014, the Secretary must submit the findings and recommendations of the study to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

HB 180 / SB 580 Medical Marijuana - Caregiver - Affirmative Defense

Establish that it is an affirmative defense, in a prosecution for the possession of marijuana or related paraphernalia, that the defendant possessed marijuana or paraphernalia because the defendant was a caregiver and the marijuana or paraphernalia was intended for medical use by an individual with a debilitating medical condition. The Acts provide that the affirmative defense may not be used if the defendant was assisting in the use of marijuana in a public place or was in possession of more than one ounce of marijuana. The measures also specify that a defendant may assert the affirmative defense only if the defendant notifies the State’s Attorney of the intention to assert the affirmative defense and provides the State’s Attorney with all documentation in support of the affirmative defense in accordance with the rules of discovery provided in the Maryland Rules.

HB 206 / SB 237 Health Occupations - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

These bills extend the termination dates for three health occupations boards in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – the State Acupuncture Board, the State Board of Dietetic Practice, and the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice – by 10 years to July 1, 2025, and requires evaluations of the boards by July 1, 2024. The bills include related reporting requirements. The bills also make a technical correction to the period of renewal of pharmacy and wholesale distributor permits issued by the State Board of Pharmacy. Uncodified language requires the State Acupuncture Board and the State Board of Dietetic Practice, by October 1, 2013, to submit follow-up reports to specified committees of the General Assembly.

HB 218 Physician Assistants - Performance of X-Ray Duties

Authorizes a physician assistant (PA) who has completed a specified training course to perform certain nonfluoroscopic X-ray procedures of the extremities only under a delegation agreement approved by MBP that includes a request to perform such X-ray procedures as an advanced duty.

HB 225 / SB 273 Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013

These Administration bills facilitate professional licensing for active military personnel, veterans, and their spouses through the expedited issuance of specified licenses, registrations, and certificates. Occupational and professional licensing units within DLLR must issue expedited temporary licenses, registrations, or certificates to military service members, veterans, and military spouses if specified education, training, and experience conditions are met. Similarly, the State Superintendent of Schools must expedite educator certification for a service member, veteran, or military spouse and may issue a temporary educator certificate under specified conditions.

Health occupations boards within DHMH must expedite the licensure, certification, or registration of a service member, veteran, or military spouse. The boards must also assign an advisor to assist the individual with the application process and provide specified information to assist in the licensing, certification, or registration process. Each board may adopt regulations to implement these bills. These bills also require the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board, DLLR, and DHMH to credit specified military training and education completed by a service member toward licensure or certification requirements.

Finally, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), in consultation with the public institutions of higher education in the State, must develop and adopt guidelines on awarding academic credit for a student's military training, coursework, and education. The governing body of each public institution of higher education in the State must develop and implement policies in accordance with the guidelines developed by MHEC.

The affected agencies must submit a preliminary report to the Governor and General Assembly on implementation of the bill by January 1, 2014, and must submit a final report by January 1, 2015.

HB 228 Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013

Legislation enacted in 2011 and 2012 established and then expanded the operating structure of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) to implement federal health care reform under ACA. The Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013, House Bill 228, modifies State law to further implement health care reform by expanding Medicaid eligibility, establishing a funding stream for MHBE, providing for the transition of Maryland Health Insurance Plan (MHIP) enrollees into MHBE, establishing a State Reinsurance Program, establishing continuity-of-care policies, and making clarifying and administrative changes.

Medicaid Expansion: This bill expands Medicaid eligibility, effective January 1, 2014, to children ages 6 through 18 and adults younger than age 65 with family or household incomes up to 138% FPG and former foster care adolescents up to age 26. **MHBE Financing:** The legislation also establishes a dedicated funding stream for MHBE from the insurance premium tax paid by health insurers, excluding managed care organizations (MCOs) and for-profit health maintenance organizations. Beginning January 1, 2015, an amount must be distributed annually to the MHBE Fund that is sufficient to fully fund the operation and administration of MHBE. In fiscal 2015, the Governor must provide an annual appropriation in the State budget for MHBE of no less than \$10 million. Annually thereafter, the appropriation must be no less than \$35 million. Any unspent funds revert to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

Transition of MHIP Enrollees: This bill requires that enrollment in MHIP be closed as of December 31, 2013. The MHIP Board, in consultation with MHBE, must determine the appropriate date on which the plan must decline to reenroll existing plan members. The date on which coverage will no longer be provided must be no earlier than January 1, 2014, and no later than January 1, 2020. **State Reinsurance Program:** to mitigate the impact of high-risk individuals on rates in the individual insurance market inside and outside MHBE, this bill authorizes MHBE to establish a State Reinsurance Program on or after January 1, 2014. To fund the program, the legislation authorizes the use of the hospital assessment that currently funds MHIP. **Continuity-of-care Policies:** this bill establishes policies to promote continuity-of-care for individuals who switch insurance policies and move in and out of Medicaid and commercial insurance. The policies generally require a receiving carrier or MCO to accept preauthorization from a relinquishing carrier, MCO, or third-party administrator for treatment of covered services for specified time periods. The policies also generally require carriers and MCOs to allow nonparticipating providers to continue health care services for these specified time periods. The receiving carrier or MCO must pay the nonparticipating provider the rate and use the method of payment the carrier or MCO would normally pay and use for similar participating providers.

Consolidated Services Center, Captive Producers, and Application Counselors: this bill authorizes MHBE to establish a consolidated services center (or call center), which may employ individuals to assist the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) Exchange or the Individual Exchange. In addition, the legislation authorizes captive producers (insurance producers who have an exclusive appointment with a single carrier) to transition a carrier's existing enrollees into a qualified plan in the exchange and provide enrollment assistance for individuals who contact the carrier. MHBE may designate community-based organizations, health care providers, and other entities as application counselors to provide enrollment services. **Other Provisions:** this bill establishes certification requirements and an appeals process for qualified health plans, specifies rules for employer premium contributions made on behalf of employees, authorizes MHBE to establish requirements relating to

qualified vision and dental plans, and delineates the respective rights and responsibilities of MHBE, carriers, and consumers when MHBE assumes certain functions on behalf of carrier. The legislation also establishes study and reporting requirements relating to continuity-of-care policies, tobacco use rating, the captive producer program, and pediatric dental benefits.

HB 245 Family Law - Substance-Exposed Newborns

This departmental bill requires each health care practitioner involved in the delivery or care of a substance-exposed newborn to make a report to the local department of social services.

The bill establishes that a newborn is “substance-exposed” if the newborn displays (1) a positive toxicology screen for a controlled drug as evidenced by any appropriate test after birth; (2) the effects of controlled drug use or symptoms of withdrawal resulting from prenatal controlled drug exposure as determined by medical personnel; or (3) the effects of a fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. A newborn is also “substance-exposed” if the newborn’s mother had a positive toxicology screen for a controlled drug at the time of delivery. A “newborn” is a child younger than the age of 30 days who is born or receives care in the State. A “controlled drug” means a controlled dangerous substance included in Schedule I through Schedule V as established under Title 5, Subtitle 4 of the Criminal Law Article.

A health care practitioner involved in the delivery or care of a substance-exposed newborn must make an oral report to the local department as soon as possible and make a written report to the local department not later than 48 hours after the contact, examination, attention, treatment, or testing that prompted the report. If the substance-exposed newborn is in a hospital or birthing center, a health care practitioner must instead notify and provide the information to the head of the institution or that person’s designee. To the extent known, an individual must include specified information in the report, including the nature and extent of the impact of the prenatal alcohol or drug exposure on the mother’s ability to provide proper care and attention to the newborn and the nature and extent of the risk of harm to the newborn.

A health care practitioner is not required to make a report if the health care practitioner (1) has knowledge that the head of an institution or the designee of the head or another individual at that institution has made a report regarding the newborn; (2) has verified that, at the time of delivery, the mother was using a controlled substance as currently prescribed for the mother by a licensed health care practitioner; or (3) has verified that, at the time of delivery, the presence of the controlled substance was consistent with a prescribed medical or drug treatment administered to the mother or the newborn.

HB 303 Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning

Establishes the Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning to study and make recommendations regarding the use of (and reimbursement for) point-of-care testing to screen and identify children with elevated blood-lead levels. Task force shall include two public health experts. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly by January 1, 2014.

HB 312 / SB 334 Mammograms - Dense Breast Tissue - Notification

Require a center where mammography testing is performed to include in a screening results letter that is sent to the patient, as required by federal law, a specified notice regarding breast density. If DHMH finds significant differences between the content of the notice and current medical evidence on breast density, the department may adopt regulations changing the content of the notice. The notice requirement does not apply if the federal Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1992 or regulations adopted under the Act require a notice regarding breast density to be included in the screening results letter that is sent to a patient. Furthermore, the bills may not be construed to (1) require a notice that is inconsistent with the Act or (2) create a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides a basis for a cause of action.

HB 333 Family Investment Program - Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program

This bill requires the department to establish a “Couples Advancing Together” Pilot Program with the help of the local departments of social services and the Commission on Responsible Fatherhood. The program aims to assist 100 couples in at least three counties that qualify for Family Investment Program (FIP) to move toward stable relationships and employment. The Secretary of Human Resources must report annually to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on participation rates, successful completion rates, factors that affect program participation, the number of participants who obtain employment, and the employment and benefit details for those participants who obtain employment.

HB 360 Health Insurance - Repeal of Obsolete Provisions of Law

Repeals provisions of insurance law that are obsolete under Affordable Care Act (ACA) or other federal or State law. Repealed provisions include notice requirements relating to preexisting conditions and requirements that certain catastrophic health insurance policies provide coverage up to a specified limit.

HB 361 Health Insurance - Conformity with and Implementation of Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

This bill alters State insurance law to implement and conform to Affordable Care Act (ACA) and corresponding federal regulations adopted by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Changes to State insurance law include expanding the Insurance Commissioner’s authority to enforce specific ACA requirements, such as annual limits on cost sharing and minimum benefit requirements for catastrophic plans, clarifying which current laws will apply only to health benefit plans that are either grandfathered plans or plans issued before January 1, 2014, adding new open and special enrollment periods for the individual and small employer markets, and applying certain requirements on individual health benefit plans to bona fide association plans.

HB 364 Swimming Pools - Automated External Defibrillator Programs (Connor's Law)

Requires counties and municipalities that own or operate swimming pools to develop and implement an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program that includes provisions which ensure that an AED is provided on-site and that an individual trained in the operation and use of an AED is present at each swimming pool. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems must jointly adopt regulations to establish guidelines for periodic inspections and annual maintenance of AEDs and assist counties and municipalities in carrying out the Act's provisions.

HB 373 / SB 151 Hospitals - Outpatient Services - Off-Site Facility - Rate Regulation

These emergency bills repeal the requirement that the Medicaid program pay certain hospitals rates set by the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) for outpatient digestive disease services transferred to an off-site facility prior to January 1, 1999. The bills alter the off-site services for which a hospital may elect to have rates set by HSCRC. Outpatient digestive disease services transferred to an off-site facility may no longer be subject to rates set by HSCRC. UMMS shall submit a report to House Health and Government Operations and Senate Finance committees on changes in utilization, including payer mix, of outpatient digestive diseases services provided at on-site and off-site facilities within Shore Health System.

HB 425 / SB 338 State Board of Nursing - Medication Technician Graduates and Certified Medication Technicians - Sunset Extension

These emergency bills extend for one year a provision of law that authorizes a medication technician graduate or a medication technician who has applied for renewal to practice for up to 180 days while awaiting a certificate from the State Board of Nursing. The 180-day time period runs from the date of completion of a medication technician training program or the board-approved refresher course. This authorization is extended through April 11, 2014.

HB 428 Child Abuse and Neglect - Reports and Records - Disclosure to Public Institutions of Higher Education

This bill authorizes the disclosure of reports or records concerning child abuse or neglect to the president of a State public institution of higher education or the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland for the purpose of carrying out appropriate personnel or administrative actions under specified circumstances. The records may be disclosed following a report of child abuse committed by (1) an employee of the institution who has on-campus contact with children or (2) a contractor, an employee of a contractor, or a volunteer of the institution who has on-campus contact with children. Effective date is October 1, 2013.

HB 581 Hospitals - Establishment of Palliative Care Pilot Programs

Requires that at least five palliative care pilot programs be established in the State in hospitals with 50 or more beds. The pilot programs are to be selected by the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) in a manner that ensures geographic balance in the State. The pilot programs are to (1) collaborate with palliative care or community providers to deliver care; (2) gather data on costs and savings to hospitals and providers, access to care, and patient choice; and (3) report to MHCC on best practices that can be used in the development of statewide palliative care standards. The bill also requires MHCC to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the findings of the pilot programs. The bill terminates November 30, 2016.

HB 591 / SB 595 State Board of Pharmacy - Wholesale Distribution - Pharmacies

These bills limit the ability of a pharmacy permit holder to engage in wholesale distribution of drugs. A pharmacy permit holder may conduct wholesale distribution if the wholesale distribution does not exceed 5% of annual sales and the permit holder maintains records of wholesale distribution separately from other records and makes such records available to the board for inspection. A pharmacy permit holder that obtains a waiver from the board (commonly known as a “waiver pharmacy”) may conduct wholesale distribution only with another pharmacy permit holder. A retail pharmacy may conduct wholesale distribution with another pharmacy permit holder and, under specified circumstances, with a wholesale distributor. To conduct wholesale distribution with a wholesale distributor, a retail pharmacy must report the activity to the board, maintain separate records of wholesale distribution with wholesale distributors, and make such records available for inspection by the board.

HB 624 / SB 501 State Board of Nursing - Licensure by Endorsement - Clinical Experience

Authorize the State Board of Nursing to waive clinical experience requirements for applicants for licensure by endorsement if the applicant has graduated from an accredited program, submitted evidence of active nursing practice, and met other licensing requirements. Applicants for licensure by endorsement must have an active unencumbered license, submit an application form to the board, and submit to a criminal history records check.

HB 690 / SB 679 Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council

These bills establish the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council and specify membership for the council. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is required, with the assistance of the Maryland Department of Aging (MDoA) to staff the council and may request staffing assistance from interested public health entities. These bills provide for the appointment by the Governor of a health professional with expertise in addressing racial and ethnic health disparities, a social worker, a physician, a registered nurse, psychiatrist and psychologist with experience in working with individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and end-of-life care and pain management.

Under these bills, the Council is required to continue the work initiated by the Maryland Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Commission, including the development and monitoring of the 2012 Maryland State Plan on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Among other items, the Council should include in the State plan strategies and actions that support prevention and early detection, address chronic disease factors contributing to health disparities, and enhance quality of care. The bills terminate September 30, 2016.

HB 716 / SB 617 Drug Therapy Management - Physician-Pharmacist Agreements

These bills remove provisions in the Health-General Article that require the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians to jointly approve physician-pharmacist agreements and protocols used under the Drug Therapy Management Program and, instead, require physicians and pharmacists in a group model health maintenance organization (HMO) who enter into such agreements to submit a copy of the agreement and any subsequent modifications to their respective licensing board. The bills take effect July 1, 2013.

HB 723 / SB 460 Health Occupations - Physician Assistants - Authority to Practice

These bills authorize a physician assistant (PA) to (1) for purposes of authorizing an individual age 15, 16, or 17 to marry, complete a certificate stating that the PA has examined the individual and has found she is pregnant or has given birth to a child; (2) provide the date of birth and medical information required on a certificate of birth; (3) fill out and sign a certificate of death; (4) file a replacement death certificate; (5) serve as a witness to a written or oral advance directive; (6) if physically present on the scene with the patient, provide an oral emergency medical services "do not resuscitate order"; (7) update or complete a "Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment" form; (8) certify certain medical conditions or disabilities for an applicant to qualify for a special disability registration number and plates from the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA); and (9) certify the existence of a permanent disability for an applicant for a temporary or permanent parking placard from MVA.

HB 806 Health Occupations - State Board of Social Work Examiners - Revisions

This bill makes multiple revisions to the Maryland Social Work Practice Act, including requiring applicants for a license from the State Board of Social Work Examiners to submit to a CHRC and, if required by the board, a mental or physical competency examination, and enhancing civil and criminal penalties for violating the Act. Additionally, the bill clarifies and alters several of the grounds for disciplinary action by the board, enhances the current criminal and misdemeanor penalties for a violation of the Act, and increases the civil fine the board may impose on a licensee. The bill also renames the social work associate license the bachelor social work license (LBSW) and prohibits an LBSW from engaging in private practice.

HB 823 / SB 764 Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

These bills establish a Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth, to be staffed by the Governor's Office for Children (GOC). The task force is charged with identifying and studying the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless youth and evaluating the public- and private-sector programs and resources available to meet those needs. The task force is required to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by November 1, 2013.

HB 868 / SB 761 Health Occupations - State Board of Pharmacy - Waivers - Pharmacies That Only Dispense Devices

These emergency bills authorize the State Board of Pharmacy to waive certain requirements for pharmacies that only dispense prescription devices in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the board.

HB 879 / SB 951 Health Occupations - Polysomnographic Technologists - Licensure and Discipline

These bills alter reinstatement provisions and add a new ground for disciplinary action for polysomnographic technologists licensed by the State Board of Physicians (MBP). A licensed physician is prohibited from employing or supervising an individual practicing polysomnography without a license; likewise, a hospital, related institution, alternative health system, or employer is prohibited from employing an individual practicing polysomnography without a license. The board may impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for a violation of these prohibitions, payable to the general fund. The bills also expand the current civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for a violation of the Maryland Polysomnography Act to apply to any violation of the Act rather than only to misrepresentation. This penalty is payable to the State Board of Physicians Fund.

HB 890 / SB 610 Health - Overdose Response Program - Establishment

These bills establish an Overdose Response Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to authorize certain individuals (through the issuance of a certificate) to administer naloxone to an individual experiencing, or believed to be experiencing, opioid overdose to help prevent a fatality when medical services are not immediately available. To qualify for a certificate, an individual must (1) be 18 or older; (2) have, or reasonably expect to have, the ability to assist an individual who is experiencing an opioid overdose; and (3) successfully complete an educational training program offered by a private or public entity authorized by DHMH. A physician or nurse practitioner may prescribe and dispense naloxone to a certificate holder. The effective date is October 1, 2013.

HB 900 / SB 690 Maryland Board of Physicians - Failure to Renew a License or Misrepresentation as a Licensed Person - Penalties

Establish that a person who misrepresents to the public that the person is authorized to practice medicine or a licensee who fails to renew a license is (1) guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to five years and (2) subject to a civil fine of up to \$50,000 to be levied by the Maryland Board of Physicians (MBP), payable to the State Board of Physicians Fund. These penalties do not apply to a licensee who fails to renew if the licensee has applied for renewal, including payment of the renewal fee, within 60 days of the expiration of the license.

HB 934 / SB 776 Telemedicine Task Force - Maryland Health Care Commission

These bills declare the intent of Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Health Commission, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council, to continue to study the use of telehealth throughout the state through the Telemedicine Task Force. The task force must provide an interim report by January 1, 2014, and a final report by December 1, 2014.

The task force shall consist of three existing advisory groups: the clinical advisory group, the technology solutions and standards advisory group and the financial and business advisory group. The task force shall (1) identify opportunities to use telehealth to improve health status and health care delivery in the State; (2) assess specified factors related to telehealth; (3) identify strategies for telehealth deployment in rural areas of the State to increase access to health care; and (4) study any other topic the task force finds necessary to make recommendations regarding the use of telehealth in the State. The legislative members appointed by the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly must co-chair the task force. Staff support must be provided by MHCC. These bills take effect July 1, 2013, and terminate June 30, 2015.

HB 955 / SB 888 Task Force to Study Temporary Disability Insurance Programs and the Process for Assisting Individuals with Disabilities at Local Departments of Social Services

These bills establish the Task Force to Study Temporary Disability Insurance Programs and the Process for Assisting Individuals with Disabilities at Local Departments of Social Services. The bills specify the membership of the task force and require the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House to appoint members to the task force. The chairperson is designated by the Governor. The Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) and the Department of Human Resources (DHR) must provide staff support for the task force. The task force must also compare temporary disability insurance programs in other jurisdictions. A final report with findings and recommendations is due by December 1, 2013, to the Governor and the General Assembly.

HB 980 / SB 954 Maryland Board of Physicians - Authority to Issue Temporary Licenses and Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee

These bills repeal the authority of the State Board of Physicians (MBP) to issue temporary licenses to practice radiation therapy, radiography, or nuclear medicine technology and all provisions related to such temporary licenses. The bills correct the definition of “practice radiation assistance” by replacing the term “medical radiation technology” with “radiography” and correct the name of the advisory committee.

HB 986 State Board of Pharmacy - Sterile Compounding - Permits

Establishes three mechanisms to regulate facilities or practitioners that perform “sterile compounding” or distribute a “sterile drug product” into or within Maryland. First, the bill requires a “sterile compounding facility” (including a pharmacy, a health care practitioner’s office, or any other setting in which sterile compounding is performed) to hold a sterile compounding permit from the board. Second, the bill requires a person that prepares and distributes sterile drug products into or within the State to hold both a manufacturer permit or other permit from FDA and a wholesale distributor permit from the board. Finally, the board is authorized to issue a waiver to a sterile compounding facility or a person that distributes a sterile drug product under specified circumstances.

HB 1009 Cosmetic Surgical Facilities - Regulation

Authorizes the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations to regulate cosmetic surgical facilities. The regulations must include deeming of a cosmetic surgical facility to meet specified requirements if the facility is accredited by an organization named in the bill. The Secretary is authorized to investigate complaints concerning the conformance of cosmetic surgical facilities to such regulations. If the complaint concerns health care practitioner performance or standards of medical practice, the complaint must be referred to the appropriate health occupations board.

HB 1042 / SB 798 Hospitals - Credentialing and Privileging Process - Telemedicine

These bills authorize a hospital, in its credentialing and privileging process for a physician who provides medical services to patients at the hospital only by “telemedicine” from a distant-site hospital or telemedicine entity, to rely on the credentialing and privileging decisions made for the physician by the distant-site hospital or telemedicine entity, as authorized under specified federal regulations. These bills provide hospitals the option to credential by proxy, which will streamline the credentialing and privileging process, reduce costs, and eliminate delays. A hospital may do so only if (1) the physician holds a license to practice medicine in Maryland and (2) the medical staff of the hospital approves and recommends the credentialing and privileging decisions to the hospital’s governing body.

HB 1062 / SB 195 Hospitals - Notice to Patients - Outpatient Status and Billing Implications

Requires a hospital to provide oral and written notice to a patient of the patient's outpatient status, the billing implications of the outpatient status, and the impact of the outpatient status on the patient's eligibility for Medicare rehabilitation services. Specifically, a hospital must provide such notice if (1) the patient receives on-site services (including a hospital bed and meals provided in an area of the hospital other than the emergency room) from the hospital for more than 23 consecutive hours and (2) the patient is classified as an outpatient at the hospital for observation rather than as an admitted inpatient.

HB 1096 / SB 672 State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

These emergency bills extend the termination date of the State Board of Physicians (MBP) and its six allied health advisory committees by five years to July 1, 2018. These bills implement recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services' (DLS) November 2011 full sunset evaluation of MBP and recommendations contained in the University of Maryland, Baltimore's (UMB) July 2012 report to MBP. These bills require DLS to conduct a direct full evaluation of MBP by October 30, 2016.

These bills establish two disciplinary panels, each consisting of 11 members, through which allegations of grounds for disciplinary action must be resolved. The board chair must assign each member of the board to one of the panels and select a member of each panel to serve as the chair of the panel. A quorum of a panel is seven members. To provide sufficient membership to divide the board into two disciplinary panels, total board membership is increased from 21 to 22 members by adding a second licensed physician with a full-time faculty appointment to serve as a representative of an academic medical institution in the State.

Other provisions include the authority of the MBP to seek a warrant, reporting requirements of certain entities and penalty authority, MBP duties related to allied health licensee profiles, public disclosure of filing of charges, the roles of the Allied Health Advisory Committees, and the consolidation and delineation of board powers.

Uncodified language requires MBP, by October 1, 2013, and annually thereafter through 2018, to submit a report to specified committees of the General Assembly. The report must provide an update on any changes to the board's disciplinary process and the effect of those changes on the complaint backlog and complaint resolution times as well as several other progress updates.

HB 1101 Medical Marijuana - Academic Medical Centers - Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission

This bill allows for the investigational use of marijuana for medical purposes. Specifically, the bill establishes, as an independent commission within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission to (1) develop requests for applications for academic medical centers to operate programs in the State; (2) approve or deny initial and renewal program applications; and (3) monitor and oversee programs approved for operation.

The bill also establishes the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund. The Governor's Supplemental Budget added \$125,000 for startup costs for implementation of this effort.

The commission must annually issue a request for applications for academic medical centers to operate medical marijuana compassionate use programs. An "academic medical center" is a hospital that operates a medical residency program for physicians and conducts research that is overseen by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and involves human subjects. Both the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) and the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) have stated that they did not intend to participate in the program as academic medical centers due to the fact that marijuana is classified as a Schedule I controlled substance at the federal level, making distribution a federal offense. The effective date of the bill is October 1, 2013.

HB 1115 / SB 593 Health Occupations Boards - License Renewal, Investigation of Alleged Violations, and Immunity from Liability

Authorize each health occupations board to develop a secure electronic system for the distribution of a renewed license, permit, certification, or registration. Any such system must be accessible to the public for verification of a current license, permit, certification, or registration. A system must provide the option of printing a verification of the status of a license, permit, certificate, or registration. The bills also clarify that all boards must investigate any alleged violation of their respective practice acts and that a person must have immunity from liability for giving information to any board or otherwise participating in a board's activities.

HB 1119 / SB 752 Department of Budget and Management - Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program

These bills require the Department of Budget and Management, with the assistance of the Department of Human Resources, to develop and implement a two-year Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program. The pilot program's purpose is to provide State government internships to foster youth, or former foster youth, between the ages of 15 and 25. The bills take effect January 1, 2014, and require an evaluation of the pilot program and a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on or before October 31, 2015.

HB 1121 / SB 459 Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists - Provision of Services at a Community-Based Health Fair

These bills authorize a licensed dental hygienist, without the supervision of a dentist, to provide without compensation the following services at a community-based health fair: (1) a preliminary dental examination, including charting cavities, restorations, or missing teeth; (2) oral health education; (3) taking blood pressure, pulse rate, respiration rate, height, and weight; and (3) referrals to a dental home, including providing a patient with a list of clinical public health facilities. The State Board of Dental Examiners, in consultation with the Office of Oral Health, must develop a standard form to be used by a dental hygienist who performs such services. A dental hygienist who performs

such services must fill out the form for each patient who received services from the dental hygienist and submit the completed form to the Office of Oral Health. These bills define “Community-based health fair” to mean a health service event that offers primary health care services to an individual for free or using a sliding fee schedule that is sponsored by the federal, the State, or a local government; a tax-exempt nonprofit organization; or a nonprofit community organization that has the stated purpose of providing health services to the disadvantaged.

HB 1159 Electric Companies - Service Restoration - Special Medical Needs Facilities

This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, by January 1 of each year, to (1) establish and provide a list of “special medical needs facilities” to each electric company for its service territory; (2) post the list on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s website; and (3) establish a procedure to allow a special medical needs facility to remove its information from the list. The bill also requires each electric company to submit specified information related to special medical needs facilities in its annual performance report to PSC. In addition, the bill expands the scope of an existing PSC workgroup, and PSC must report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2013, on specified findings and recommendations related to electric service to special medical needs facilities.

HB 1160 / SB 904 Health Insurance - Vision Services - Provider Contracts

These bills prohibit a carrier in a vision provider contract from requiring a vision provider to provide services that are not “covered services” at a fee set by the carrier, provide discounts on materials that are not covered benefits, or participate in a capitated vision provider panel as a condition of participation in a fee-for-service vision provider panel. A carrier may require a vision provider, as a condition of participation in a non-HMO vision provider panel or an HMO vision provider panel, to participate in an MCO.

HB 1216 / SB 581 Health Insurance - Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act - Notice and Authorization Forms

These bills require a health insurance carrier to provide on its website and annually in print to members and insureds notice about the benefits required under the State mental health and addiction parity law and, if applicable, the Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA). A carrier must also post a release of information authorization form on its website and provide the form by standard mail within 10 business day after a request is received. MIA must post a notice on its website that (1) complaints regarding noncompliance with MHPAEA may be filed with the Insurance Commissioner; (2) an insured may obtain assistance in filing a complaint with a carrier or MIA from the Health Education and Advocacy Unit in the Office of the Attorney General; (3) an insured may obtain a copy of his or her health insurance policy or contract and should contact the carrier for the copy; and (4) an insured may request a referral to a specialist who is not part of the carrier’s provider panel under specified circumstances.

HB 1237 / SB 139 Health Care Practitioners - Prescription Drug or Device Dispensing - Medical Facilities or Clinics That Specialize in Treatment Reimbursable Through Workers' Compensation Insurance

These bills require dentists, physicians, and podiatrists that treat patients at a medical facility or clinic that specializes in the treatment of medical cases reimbursable through workers' compensation insurance to obtain a dispensing permit in order to dispense a prescription drug or device. The bills take effect July 1, 2013.

HB 1252 / SB 582 Health Insurance - Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act - Utilization Review Criteria and Standards

Require carriers and other health care entities that provide for utilization review of health care services to ensure that the criteria and standards used in conducting utilization review for mental health and substance use benefits are in compliance with MHPAEA.

HB 1296 / SB 981 State Board of Physicians - Quasi-Judicial Powers and the Board of Review - Revisions

These bills authorize the State Board of Physicians (MBP) to issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for taking any action (1) for which MBP determines there is a preponderance of the evidence of grounds for discipline under the Medical Practice Act and (2) that poses a serious risk to the health, safety, and welfare of a patient. MBP must adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of the bills, including hearing procedures and sanctions for noncompliance with a cease and desist order.

HB 1297 / SB 897 Consumer Protection - Security Freezes - Children in Foster Care Settings

These bills establish a mandatory process for placing security freezes on the records of children in foster care. The bills require a consumer reporting agency to place, on request of the Department of Human Resources (DHR), a security freeze for a child who is in the custody of a local department of social services and has been placed in a foster care setting. At least once a year, DHR must electronically transmit to each consumer reporting agency a list of children who are in the custody of a local department and have been placed in a foster care setting for the first time. DHR also must request a security freeze for each child on the list. The placement of a security freeze prohibits an agency from releasing the child's consumer report, any information derived from the consumer report, or any record created for the child.

HB 1313 / SB 942 State Board of Physicians - Consultation, Qualification for Licensure, License Renewal, and Representation to the Public

These emergency bills specify the circumstances under which a physician engaged in consultation in the State may practice medicine without a license from the State Board of Physicians (MBP). The bills also authorize an applicant for a physician license who has failed certain examinations three or more

times to qualify for a license under specified circumstances. The bills clarify that a physician may not represent that he or she is board certified unless he or she meets the definition of “board certified.” Finally, the bills require MBP to send renewal notices by either electronic mail or first-class mail to the last known electronic or physical address of the licensee. If MBP sends renewal notices exclusively by electronic mail, it must send such a notice by first-class mail on request of the licensee.

HB 1343 / SB 380 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Workgroup on Cancer Clusters and Environmental Causes of Cancer

These bills require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in consultation with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE), to convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential environmental causes of cancer.

The workgroup must include representatives of academic medical institutions and a manufacturing business in the State, advocates for cancer patients, legislators, scientists, environmentalists, and representatives from both urban and rural areas of the State. The group is required to examine, among others, the process that State agencies use to research and identify cancer clusters in the State and the research being conducted by academic medical institutions in the State on potential cancer clusters and how findings from this research are communicated to the appropriate agencies.

DHMH must report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the workgroup’s findings by June 30, 2014. These bills take effect July 1, 2013.

HB 1390 Maryland Veterans Trust and Fund - Establishment

Establishes the Maryland Veterans Trust as a corporate body, subject to modification or termination by the General Assembly. The bill also repeals the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund and reestablishes it as a fund within the trust. In doing so, the bill removes the authority of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs to accept funds as a gift or grant and spend and invest the principal and income of the gift or grant and grants that authority to the trust’s Board of Trustees. The fund within the trust consists of various revenue sources, including gifts and grants that the trust receives. The trust may (1) provide grants or loans to veterans and their families or programs that support them and (2) develop projects for private sponsorship. The trust is required to submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the activities of the trust.

HB 1429 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Former Officials and Employees - Employment

This departmental bill establishes that a former official or employee is not considered to have participated significantly in a contract and may therefore assist or represent a party, other than the State, in a contract for compensation if the former official or employee (1) did not develop a request for proposals resulting in the contract; (2) did not participate in an evaluation committee or other State entity charged with selecting a contractor for the contract; and (3) participated only by providing support or other assistance as directed by a senior manager after contract award as part of the transition process from a State-run Medicaid Management Information System to a private

contracted operation. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must submit a report to specified legislative committees, by December 1, 2016, on individuals that have left State employment for employment at a private entity operating the Maryland Medicaid Management Information System. The report must include information on the number, the fields of work, and the ranges of levels of employment and pay grades for these individuals, to the extent known by DHMH.

SB 69 Tobacco Products - Tobacco Tax - Exemptions and Penalties

This departmental bill increases the amount of cigarettes and other tobacco products that a consumer may bring into the State without being required to pay the tobacco tax. The bill also increases and makes mandatory the monetary criminal penalties associated with willfully shipping, importing, selling into or within, or transporting within the State cigarettes or other tobacco products on which the tobacco tax has not been paid.

SB 80 Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Disclosure of Prescription Monitoring Data

This bill adds the Division of Drug Control to the list of entities to which the program must disclose prescription monitoring data. Data must be disclosed to the division, on approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, for the purpose of furthering an existing bona fide individual investigation.

SB 83 Department of Aging - Aging and Disability Resource Center Program - Maryland Access Point

This departmental bill codifies and formally establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Program. The bill specifies that the program is the State's ADRC for purposes of the federal Older Americans Act, allowing for the streamlining of program administration and maximization of federal funds. The bill also establishes the statutory authority of Maryland Access Point as the State's designated single entry point for assistance with long-term supportive services. The requirements of the bill meet the standards for Maryland's participation in the Balancing Incentive Program (BIP).

SB 346 Innovations in Aging Services Program - Commission on Aging - Responsibilities

This bill repeals the Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council and transfers the council's advisory responsibilities to the Commission on Aging.

SB 496 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telemedicine

Requires the Medicaid program, under specified circumstances and unless otherwise specifically prohibited or limited by federal or State law, to reimburse a health care provider for a health care service delivered by telemedicine in the same manner as the same health care service is reimbursed when delivered in person. However, reimbursement by Medicaid for such services is required only if

the service is medically necessary and is provided (1) for the treatment of cardiovascular disease or stroke; (2) in an emergency department setting; and (3) when an appropriate specialist is unavailable.

SB 512 Health Care Practitioners - Identification Badge

This bill requires a health care practitioner who practices in a freestanding ambulatory care facility, a physician's office, or an urgent care facility to wear a badge or other form of identification when providing health care to a patient. The badge or other form of identification must display in readily visible type (1) the health care practitioner's name and (2) the type of license of the health care practitioner. Each health occupations board must adopt regulations to implement the bill.

SB 557 Medical Records - Disclosure in Response to Compulsory Process

This bill requires that a specified notice and other documentation (which must be sent to specified parties in order to require a health care provider to disclose a medical record) be sent by first-class mail – as well as by certified mail, as specified in current law – to the person in interest and, if applicable, by first-class mail to the court and parties in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case. The bill also alters the content of the notice.

SB 632 State Brain Injury Trust Fund

This bill establishes the State Brain Injury Trust Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund for the purpose of assisting in the provision of specified services to eligible individuals who have sustained brain injuries. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is required to administer the fund. The fund may be used to support prevention, education, and awareness programs; medical services; housing and residential services; durable medical equipment; assistive technology assessment and equipment; services to assist in the return to driving; evaluation and training related to the brain injury; educational needs; and services related to rehabilitation, neurobehavioral health, nursing home transition, community reentry, and transportation.

SB 686 Family Investment Program - Earned Income Disregard Pilot Program

Establishes a three-year Earned Income Disregard Pilot Program that disregards a higher percentage of earned income in Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) benefit calculations for specified participants. The bill requires that the Department of Human Resource and the local departments of social services establish the pilot program in a county with two district offices so that one district office can be used for comparison purposes. When pilot participants start working at least 25 hours a week, their benefits are computed by counting no more than four weeks of earned income in any month and disregarding 100% of earned income for the first three months of employment, 60% for the next six months, and 40% for employment exceeding nine months.

The bill also requires an evaluation of the pilot program and an interim report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform on or before September 30, 2016, and a final report on September 30, 2017.

SB 769 Health Benefit Plans - Proposed Rate Increases - Notice to Insureds

This bill requires an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, health maintenance organization, dental plan organization, or any other person that provides health benefit plans subject to regulation by the State (collectively known as carriers) to annually provide notice to its insureds and enrollees and post a notice on its website that an insured or enrollee may access information about proposed rate increases and submit comments on the proposed rate increases on the Maryland Insurance Administration's website.

SB 790 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Advance Directive Registry - Fee and Date of Operation

This bill requires the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish, by regulation, fees (including initial and renewal fees) for any service of the Advance Directive Registry. In addition, the bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to take all the steps necessary to make the registry operational by October 1, 2014.

SB 881 Community Health Resources Commission - Revisions

This bill exempts the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) from the power of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene over the procurement procedures for units in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and authorizes MCHRC to contract with a qualified, independent third party for any service necessary to carry out the powers and duties of MCHRC. A third party under contract with MCHRC is prohibited from releasing, publishing, or using in a manner not authorized by the contract any information to which the third party has access.

SB 1057 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Health Care Staff Agencies - Regulation

This bill expands current regulatory requirements that apply to a nursing staff agency to apply more broadly to any health care staff agency. A health care staff agency must be licensed by the Office of Health Care Quality before referring a health care practitioner (i.e., a licensed practical nurse, registered nurse, certified nursing assistant, or individual who practices in an allied health care field) to a hospital or related institution in the State. Furthermore, a health care staff agency can be deemed for licensure by obtaining accreditation from an approved accreditation organization under the same circumstances currently granted to a health care facility.

Public Safety, Judiciary, and Transportation

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HB 1 / SB 109 Criminal Law - Cannabimimetic Agents - Prohibition

These bills codify cannabimimetic agents identified under SDAPA to the State’s list of Schedule I controlled dangerous substances. Cannabimimetic agents are defined as substances that are cannabinoid receptor type 1 (CB1 receptor) agonists as demonstrated by binding studies and functional assays within one of several specified structural classes. The bills also specifically list several chemical substances that are considered cannabimimetic agents.

HB 116 / SB 267 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Interception of Communications - Abuse or Neglect of Vulnerable Adult and Medicaid Fraud

These bills add abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult and offenses relating to Medicaid fraud under the Criminal Law Article to the list of crimes for which evidence may be gathered during a criminal investigation through the interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications. The Acts also add these offenses to the list of crimes for which a judge may grant an order authorizing the interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications.

HB 264 Juvenile Law - Juvenile Records - Disclosure

This departmental bill repeals a provision that restricts the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to only providing access to and the confidential use of a child’s treatment plan to agencies in the District of Columbia or Virginia that meet specified criteria. Instead, the bill authorizes DJS to provide access to and the confidential use of court records of a child to any agencies in the District of Columbia or state agencies in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, or West Virginia that meet the established criteria. The bill also repeals the requirement that the agency must have custody of the child in order to obtain access to the information.

HB 277 / SB 264 Children in Need of Assistance - Review Hearings

These bills require the juvenile court to conduct a hearing to review the status of each child under its jurisdiction within six months after the filing of the first child in need of assistance (CINA) petition and at least every six months thereafter.

HB 278 / SB 265 Children in Need of Assistance - Rights of Preadoptive Parents, Foster Parents, and Caregivers of Child

These bills expand, to any juvenile court proceeding involving a child in need of assistance, unless waived for good cause, the requirement that the local department of social services provide at least 10 days' written notice to preadoptive parents, foster parents, or their attorneys, of the proceeding and the right to be heard at the proceeding. The bills repeal requirements relating to the rights of a relative to be given notice of and an opportunity to be heard at a proceeding and substitutes requirements for notice to be provided to caregivers of a child, and for the caregivers to have a right to be heard at the proceeding. The foster parent, preadoptive parent, caregiver, or an attorney for these individuals may not be considered to be a party solely on the basis of the right to notice and the right to be heard.

HB 442 / SB 415 Criminal History Records Checks - Child Care Providers

These bills require DPSCS to transmit weekly the sex offender registry to MSDE in a format that can be used by the State Superintendent of schools to cross-reference with the database of licensed child care centers, registered family child care or large family child care homes, and approved child care subsidy program informal providers. MSDE must use the information to conduct a cross-reference check of (1) employees and employers of licensed child care centers and registered family child care or large family child care homes; (2) individuals known to be residing in a registered family child care home; and (3) individuals who provide or agree to provide informal child care. The Acts also prohibit a registered sex offender from entering a home where informal child care is being provided or will be provided to a child who does not reside there.

HB 443 / SB 413 Criminal History Records Checks - Informal Child Care Providers

These bills require individuals to obtain a criminal history records check before being approved to provide or to continue to provide informal child care. Any adult residing in a home where informal child care is being provided or will be provided must also obtain a criminal history records check. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) is required to provide an initial and revised statement of the applicant's State criminal record to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The Acts also require DPSCS to provide an initial and a revised statement of the applicant's State criminal record to MSDE if the applicant is an adult resident in a child care center, family child care home, or large child care home that is required to be licensed, registered, or hold a letter of compliance, as specified.

HB 588 / SB 473 Baltimore City - Children - Records Access

These bills authorize access to court, social services, juvenile, and police records by the Office of Youth Violence Prevention (OYVP) within the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) and the Baltimore City Mayor's Office on Criminal Justice (BCMOCJ) under specified circumstances. OYVP and BCMOCJ are liable for the unauthorized release of any of the provided records.

HB 604 / SB 536 Department of Juvenile Services - Graduated Responses - Report

These bills require DJS to report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings and House Judiciary committees, by December 1, 2014, on the implementation of a system of “graduated responses” for children under the jurisdiction of DJS. “Graduated responses” means an accountability-based series of sanctions, including incentives, treatment and services, applicable to children within the juvenile justice system, administered to hold children accountable for their actions, and to protect communities from the effects of juvenile delinquency by providing appropriate sanctions for every act for which a child is adjudicated delinquent, by encouraging law-abiding behavior, and by preventing subsequent involvement in the juvenile justice system.

HB 631 Family Law - Preventing or Interfering with Report of Suspected Child Abuse or Neglect

This bill prohibits an individual from intentionally preventing or interfering with the making of a mandatory report of suspected child abuse or neglect by specified workers. An individual is also prohibited from intentionally preventing or interfering with the making of a mandatory report of suspected abuse or neglect of a child who lives outside of this State that is alleged to have occurred outside the State. A person who violates these provisions is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of five years imprisonment and/or a \$10,000 fine.

HB 687 Commission on Child Custody Decision Making

This bill establishes the Commission on Child Custody Decision Making to be staffed by the Department of Family Administration within the Judiciary. Commission shall include one sociologist from the University of Maryland School of Social Work, recommended by the President of University of Maryland, Baltimore. Among other specified duties, the commission must (1) study the practice, principles, and process for child custody decision making in the State; (2) hold hearings in specified jurisdictions to allow for public input and participation by interested persons; (3) study the advantages and disadvantages of joint physical custody; and (4) study whether a statute regarding child custody decision making that would include definitions and factors for consideration in such decisions should be enacted. The commission is required to submit an interim report by December 31, 2013, and a final report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2014.

HB 697 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act - Applicability

This bill alters the scope of the Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act (MMCA). Under the bill, the MMCA applies to a mediation in which (1) the parties are required to mediate by law; (2) the parties are referred to mediation by an administrative agency or arbitrator; or (3) the mediator states in writing to any and all parties to the mediation and persons with whom the mediator has engaged in mediation communications that the mediation communications will remain confidential in accordance with MMCA and the mediator has read, and consistent with State law, will abide by the Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators during the mediation.

The bill repeals statutory provisions that (1) apply the MMCA to mediations in which the parties agree in writing to keep the communications confidential and (2) render the MMCA inapplicable to

mediations in which the parties and the mediator agree to exclude the mediation communications from the MMCA through a written and signed agreement made in advance of the mediation. Instead, the bill authorizes parties and the mediator to agree to exclude the mediation communications from the MMCA through a written and signed agreement made in advance of the mediation.

HB 698 / SB 356 Ex-Offender Business Development Program Study

These bills require DBED, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (DLLR), and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to jointly study and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a business development program to provide business training to ex-offenders. In addition, the study must identify nongovernmental funding sources to fund the training programs. The departments must jointly report findings made under the measure to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee by October 1, 2014.

HB 713 Criminal Procedure - Seizure and Forfeiture - Property Used in Human Trafficking

This bill authorizes State and local law enforcement agencies to seize property in connection with human trafficking and other specified crimes and establishes procedures for the seizure, forfeiture, and sale of property related to these crimes. The bill applies to offenses committed on or after October 1, 2013. Property may only be seized or forfeited by a defendant found guilty of an applicable offense. Proceeds from the sale of seized or forfeited property must, after specified expenses are paid, be distributed to the general fund of the State or of the political subdivision that seized the property.

HB 753 / SB 339 Motor Vehicles - Use of Wireless Communication Device - Prohibited Acts, Enforcement, and Penalties

This bill specifies that the prohibition against the use of a wireless communication device by a driver younger than age 18 applies to operating a motor vehicle in the travel portion of the roadway. Primary enforcement is authorized, as the provision limiting enforcement to a secondary action is repealed. The bill expands, to the travel portion of the roadway, the prohibition against using a handheld telephone by the operator of a school vehicle that is carrying passengers.. Primary enforcement for the operators of school vehicles and adult drivers is also authorized, as the provision limiting enforcement to a secondary action is repealed. The bill increases the penalties for the offenses and establishes that the offenses are treated as a typical traffic offense.

HB 786 Juvenile Law - Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

This bill creates the Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction, which is tasked with studying current laws relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and current research on best practices for handling offenses committed by youth in the court system.

HB 838 / SB 640 Civil Cases - Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund - Surcharges - Extension of Termination Date

These bills extend the termination date of the provisions of law enacted in 2010 that increased the surcharge on fees, charges, and costs in civil cases. Extending the termination date continues maximum surcharges of \$55 on civil cases filed in the circuit court, \$8 for summary ejectment cases, and \$18 for all other civil cases in the District Court. Money from the surcharge is deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) Fund, which is used to finance civil legal services to indigent clients. Extending the termination date also continues the requirement for MLSC to submit, for informational purposes only, its budget to the General Assembly.

HB 916 Juvenile Law - Dispositions - Placement Guidance

This bill prohibits a child from being committed to DJS for out-of-home placement if the most serious offense for which the child has been adjudicated is (1) possession of marijuana; (2) possession or purchase of a noncontrolled substance; (3) disturbing the peace or disorderly conduct; (4) malicious destruction of property; (5) an offense involving inhalants; (6) an offense involving prostitution; (7) theft involving amounts less than \$1,000; or (8) trespass. A child whose most serious offense is one specified above may be committed to DJS for out-of-home placement if (1) the child previously has been adjudicated delinquent for three or more offenses arising from separate and independent circumstances; (2) the child waives the prohibition and the court accepts the waiver as knowing, intelligent, and voluntary; or (3) the court makes a written finding, including the specific facts supporting the finding, that the placement is necessary for the welfare of the child or in the interest of public safety. The Act may not be construed to prohibit the court from committing the child to another appropriate agency.

HB 932 / SB 832 Child Care - Dispute Resolution

These bills establish a dispute resolution workgroup in MSDE. The workgroup must make recommendations to the State regarding rules and regulations to establish a uniform and timely dispute resolution process to resolve claims of discrimination by a child care provider based on a child's disability. The dispute resolution process must address the needs of children and their families to obtain and keep child care, and may include (1) voluntary mediation; (2) a fact finder with authority to make determinations and recommendations consistent with the ADA Act; (3) a process for child care providers to access training and technical assistance; and (4) referral of claims of discrimination to the U.S. Department of Justice or other appropriate agency with jurisdiction over the child care provider.

HB 942 / SB 624 Identity Fraud - Health Information and Health Care Records

These bills prohibit a person from (1) knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent possessing, obtaining, or helping another person to possess or obtain any personal identifying information of an individual, without the consent of the individual, in order to access health information or health care in the name of the individual; (2) knowingly and willfully assuming the identity of another person, including a fictitious person, with fraudulent intent to access health information or health care; and

(3) knowingly, willfully, and with fraudulent intent using a re-encoder or a skimming device to engage in specified activities in order to access medical information or services. A violator is subject to current statutory penalties for identity fraud based on the value of the health information or health care.

HB 1328 / SB 332 Estates and Trusts - Special and Supplemental Needs Trusts - Regulations by State Agencies

These bills specify that regulations adopted by State agencies that provide public benefits through means-tested programs to individuals with disabilities may not be more restrictive than any State law regarding trusts; this includes any State law regarding the reasonable exercise of discretion by a trustee, guardian, or conservator in the best interests of the beneficiary. The regulations also may not require disclosure of a beneficiary's personal or confidential information without consent. These and other existing requirements applicable to special needs, supplemental needs, and pooled asset special needs trusts may not be interpreted to require a court order to authorize a disbursement from a special or supplemental needs trust. Finally, a regulation regarding pooled asset special needs trusts must apply only to trust beneficiaries who are State residents or who receive State-funded benefits.

HB 1515 Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013

This Administration bill (1) imposes additional motor fuel taxes on all fuels except aviation gasoline and turbine fuel based on the retail price of gasoline and inflation; (2) places restrictions on transfers from the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and use of TTF monies; (3) increases the vehicle registration fee surcharge, the revenue from which is credited to the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund (MEMSOF); (4) requires the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to increase base fare prices beginning in fiscal 2015; (5) requires the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget specified appropriations to the State Highway Administration (SHA) for use in complying with the Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP); and (6) establishes a Local and Regional Transportation Funding Task Force and requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct specified studies.

The bill increases the annual vehicle registration fee surcharge from \$13.50 to \$17.00, with the additional fees credited to MEMSOF. The fee is collected on a biennial basis. The bill specifies the intent of the General Assembly that the revenues from the surcharge increase be used to sustain the long-term viability of MEMSOF and enhance funding to the agencies that MEMSOF supports. The bill also specifies the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include certain appropriations to provide enhancements to MEMSOF, including (1) the purchase of communications equipment, (2) salary enhancements for pilots and maintenance technicians and the hiring of additional pilots at the Aviation Division of the Maryland State Police; and (3) increased appropriations to the Senator William H. Amoss Fire, Rescue, and Ambulance Fund and R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. Through this fee increase, Shock Trauma will receive \$200,000 more annually. Except for specified provisions, the bill takes effect June 1, 2013.

SB 86 Voluntary Placement for Former Children in Need of Assistance

This bill enables the State to become eligible for federal Title IV-E funds to further support the program and provide a broader array of services to this vulnerable population, by expanding the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to include jurisdiction over a former CINA whose commitment to the local department was rescinded after the individual reached the age of 18, but before the individual reached the age of 20 years and 6 months. The former CINA must not have exited foster care due to reunification, adoption, guardianship, marriage, or military duty. The Act authorizes juvenile court jurisdiction over a former CINA through a voluntary placement agreement between the former CINA and the local department of social services.

SB 276 Death Penalty Repeal - Substitution of Life Without the Possibility of Parole

This bill repeals the death penalty and all provisions relating to it, including those relating to its administration and post-death sentence proceedings. The bill requires a person found guilty of murder in the first degree to be sentenced to imprisonment for life or imprisonment for life without the possibility of parole. The bill also specifies that if the State has already properly filed a notice of intent to seek a death sentence, that notice must be considered withdrawn. In such instance, the State must also be considered to have properly filed notice to seek a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. In addition, the bill specifies that the Governor may change a sentence of death into a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

SB 281 Firearm Safety Act of 2013

This Administration bill significantly modifies and expands the regulation of firearms, firearms dealers, and ammunition in the State and makes significant changes to related mental health restrictions on the possession of firearms.

The bill exempts from the prohibition against carrying a firearm, knife, or other deadly weapon on public school property an off-duty law enforcement officer who is a parent, guardian, or visitor of a student attending the school, provided that the officer is displaying the officer's badge or credential, and the weapon is concealed.

This bill establishes the Maryland Center for School Safety as an independent unit of State government to be based at Bowie State University (BSU). The Governor must provide \$500,000 in the annual State budget for the center. The center may establish three satellite offices at institutions of higher education as specified. The bill identifies 20 functions and duties of the center that provide a comprehensive, coordinated approach to school safety, including developing a website containing a searchable database of school safety resources, assisting local school systems in conducting a thorough assessment of their school safety data, assisting local school systems with school building layouts and use of human resources for monitoring school safety measures, and assisting local school systems to improve and monitor traffic control measures around schools to reduce the potential for accidents.

SB 374 Office of the Attorney General - Workgroup on Children's Online Privacy Protection

Requires the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to convene and direct a workgroup to examine issues relating to the protection of children's privacy while using the Internet and mobile applications, including (1) the nature and extent of data collected about children through Internet-based and mobile application-based advertising and (2) current and forthcoming federal and state regulation of children's online privacy and online advertising and associated data collection. The workgroup must include representatives of State government, industry leaders, members of the academic community, and children's health advocates. In addition, OAG must invite representatives of relevant federal agencies to participate in the workgroup. OAG must submit the report for the workgroup to the Senate Finance Committee and House Economic Matters Committee by December 31, 2013.

SB 742 Vehicle Laws - Residential Parking in Baltimore City

This bill establishes that the additional parking privileges afforded a holder of special registration plates for individuals with disabilities do not apply in locations within Baltimore City where there is a local ordinance that restricts parking for vehicles that do not display a residential parking permit.

SB 745 Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems - Prepaid Service - Collection of Surcharge

This bill establishes that the surcharge on wireless telecommunication services applies to prepaid service and establishes the amount of the prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fee at 60 cents per each retail transaction. Under the legislation, prepaid wireless E 9-1-1 fees are paid into the 9-1-1 Trust Fund and used for specified purposes.

SB 829 Transportation Trust Fund - Use of Funds

This bill proposes to amend the Maryland Constitution to (1) require Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) funds to be used only to pay the principal of and interest on transportation bonds and for any lawful purpose related to construction and maintenance of an adequate highway system or any other transportation-related purpose and (2) prevent TTF funds from being transferred to the general fund or a special fund. An exception to the prohibition on TTF transfers is authorized only if the Governor, by executive order, declares that a fiscal emergency exists and the General Assembly, by a three-fifths vote of both houses, approves legislation concurring with the use or transfer of the funds. The allocation of highway user funds to local governments and the allocation of TTF funds to the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) are not affected. The proposed Constitutional amendment must be submitted for a statewide vote at the November 2014 general election.

State and Local Government

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HB 48 / SB 1066 Minority Business Enterprises - Not-for-Profit Entities

These bills remove not-for-profit entities that promote the interests of physically and mentally disabled individuals from the definition of MBE and exempt specified contracts (entered into on or after July 1, 2015) with them from the calculation of MBE participation rates. Beginning in fiscal 2014, the bills also enhance existing procurement preference programs for Maryland Correctional Enterprises, Blind Industries and Services of Maryland, Employment Works, and businesses owned by disabled veterans, and require various annual reports related to State contracting with those entities. The Department of Disabilities must evaluate the effect of these changes on the participation of not-for-profit entities in State procurement and issue a final report by December 1, 2016.

HB 70 / SB 342 State Government - Access to Public Records in Electronic Formats - Termination Date

These bills repeal the termination date for provisions of law requiring a custodian of a public record to provide a copy of a public record in a searchable and analyzable electronic format under specified circumstances.

HB 126 Consumer Protection - Maryland Consumer Protection Act – Scope

This bill expands the scope of Maryland Consumer Protection Act to include certain not-for-profit organizations. Specifically, the bill expands the definitions of “consumer,” “consumer goods,” and “consumer services” so that MCPA will protect fraternal, religious, civic, patriotic, educational, or charitable organizations that purchase, rent, or lease goods or services for the benefit of the members of the organizations.

HB 129 / SB 262 Task Force to Study Implementing a Civil Right to Counsel in Maryland

These bills establish the Task Force to Study Implementing a Civil Right to Counsel in Maryland. The Maryland Access to Justice Commission must provide staff support for the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the Presiding Officers, and specified committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2014. The bills take effect October 1, 2013, and terminate September 30, 2014.

HB 136 State Personnel - Teleworking - Statewide Program and Goals

Establishes a goal of having 15% of eligible Executive Branch employees, including those in agencies with independent personnel management systems; participate in a statewide telework program. The Secretary of Budget and Management must establish the program as well as a statewide telework policy and guidelines. Each unit head in the Executive Branch may designate positions eligible for teleworking. The University System of Maryland is excluded from this program.

HB 139 Open Meetings Act - Training for Public Bodies

This bill requires each public body to designate at least one individual who is an employee, an officer, or a member of the public body to receive training on the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. The public body also must forward a list of the individuals designated to the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board. Within 90 days of being designated as the individual to receive training, the individual is required to complete a class on the requirements of the law that is offered online by the Office of the Attorney General and the University of Maryland's Institute for Governmental Service and Research or that is offered by the Maryland Association of Counties or the Maryland Municipal League through the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance.

HB 191 / SB 47 Procurement - Purchase of American Manufactured Goods

These bills require State and local public works contractors or subcontractors to use manufactured goods made or assembled in the United States to construct or maintain a public work or when buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site. The requirement does not apply if the head of the governmental entity determines that the price, quality, or availability of American manufactured goods does not meet standards to be established by the Board of Public Works (BPW). It also does not apply to emergency safety equipment such as fire alarms, security systems, and related information technology products. Application of this preference for American-made manufactured goods must be consistent with the State's obligations under any international trade agreements to which the State is bound.

HB 224 / SB 279 Election Law - Improving Access to Voting

These bills among other things, address aspects of each of the early voting, no excuse absentee voting, and online voter registration laws, by expanding early voting, allowing for a voter to receive an absentee ballot through the Internet, and improving the security of the online voter registration system. The bills also allow for individuals to register to vote and subsequently vote during early voting. The bills in part respond to issues raised during the 2012 elections, specifically long lines reported at early voting centers and election day polling places during the 2012 general election and concerns about the security of the recently implemented online voter registration system.

HB 293 / SB 140 State Finance and Procurement - Retention of Percentage of Contract - Security

These bills reduce the allowable retainage amounts on construction contracts entered into by local governments. For construction contracts in which the contractor has furnished 100% payment security and 100% performance security, a local government may retain no more than 5% of the total amount of the contract. This brings the retainage amount for local governments in line with that for State projects.

HB 327 / SB 385 State Government - Health, Education, and Social Services - Submission of Documents in Electronic Form

These bills require the Council for the Procurement of Health, Education, and Social Services to establish a workgroup of council members and appropriate staff from the State agencies that license health, education, or social services programs to determine a process for nongovernmental entities that provide such services in the State to submit documents in an electronic form to the State agencies. The process must include security measures; standards necessary for the efficient and secure transmission of electronic documents; a recommended implementation date; and procedures for naming, formatting, submitting, updating, and retrieving documents. By January 1, 2014, the council must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the processes that it determines. The bills specify that it may not be construed to limit any existing authority of a State agency to accept documents or information by electronic transmission.

HB 331 Open Meetings Act - Violations and Penalties

Under this bill, if the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board determines that a violation of the Open Meetings Act has occurred, (1) a member of the public body must, at the public body's next open meeting after the board has issued its opinion, announce the violation and orally summarize the opinion and (2) a majority of the public body's members must sign and return to the board a copy of the opinion. These required actions are not to be considered as an admission to a violation and may not be used as evidence in a proceeding before a circuit court. The bill repeals a prohibition on the introduction of a written opinion of the board as evidence in a court proceeding. The civil penalty for meeting in violation of the Open Meetings Act is increased from up to \$100 to (1) up to \$250 for the first violation and (2) up to \$1,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within three years after the first violation. When determining the amount of a fine, the court must consider the financial resources of the public body.

HB 362 Public Ethics - Definition of 'Interest' - Mutual Funds

This bill amends the definition of "interest" under the Public Ethics Law to exclude a mutual fund that is publicly traded on a national scale unless the mutual fund is composed primarily of holdings of stocks and interests in a specific sector or area that is regulated by an individual's governmental unit. As a result, these types of mutual funds will be treated the same as holdings in certain college savings plans and retirement trusts for financial disclosure and conflict of interest purposes.

HB 376 / SB 269 State Retirement and Pension System - Correction of Errors in Benefits

These bills require the SRPS Board of Trustees to correct any errors, not just errors in its own records, that result in a retiree or beneficiary receiving a benefit that is different from the benefit to which the retiree or beneficiary is entitled. To the extent practicable, the Board of Trustees is required to adjust any future payments to the actuarial equivalent to which the retiree or beneficiary is entitled.

HB 391 / SB 224 State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Wellness Program

These bills require the Secretary of Budget and Management to include a “wellness program” in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program (State plan). The “wellness program” must (1) be developed in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; (2) promote the goals of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene State Health Improvement Process (SHIP); and (3) aim to achieve savings in the State plan over time that exceeds the costs of the wellness program. The Secretary of Budget and Management must report to the Governor and specified committees of the General Assembly on implementation of the bills (1) within 60 days after the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) releases the request for proposals for administration of the State plan and (2) by February 1, 2016.

HB 409 / SB 671 Land Use - Comprehensive Planning and Zoning Cycle

These bills increase the time period of a local government’s comprehensive planning and zoning cycle to 10 years, instead of 6 years, to better coincide with the release of U.S. decennial census data. The bills also require that, at least once within the five-year period after the adoption or review of the local jurisdiction’s comprehensive plan, the annual report a planning commission must file with the legislative body of the local jurisdiction contain a specified narrative on the implementation status of the plan.

HB 494 / SB 477 State Retirement and Pension System - Employment of Retirees - Required Break in Service

These bills require the same 45-day break in service if the retiree is reemployed on a contractual, temporary, or permanent basis with any employer that participates in SRPS, including a withdrawn local governmental unit if the individual was employed by the withdrawn local government when it was a participating employer.

HB 495 / SB 476 State Retirement and Pension System - Unused Sick Leave Calculation - Clarification

These bills alter the methodology by which the State Retirement and Pension System (SRPS) calculates the additional creditable service to which a retiree is entitled due to the conversion of unused sick leave at the time of retirement.

HB 496 / SB 474 State Retirement and Pension System - Funding Method and Amortization of Unfunded Liabilities or Surpluses

These bills modify the State pension funding by phasing out the corridor funding method and replacing it with a closed, 25-year amortization period for all existing and future liabilities. In fiscal 2015, this reduces State general fund spending by \$15 million. By fiscal 2018, general fund savings total \$53 million.

HB 585 / SB 599 Procurement - Subcontractor Equal Access to Bonding Act of 2013

Prohibit contractors on State projects who require subcontractors to also provide bid, performance, or payment bonds to establish requirements that are more stringent than the bonding requirements to which the contractor is subject under State law. The bills also require a contractor to accept any bond from a subcontractor that would be accepted by the State, as long as it is issued by a surety company authorized to do business in the State or by the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority.

HB 665 State Personnel - Law Enforcement Employees - Extra Compensation

This bill expands the application of provisions requiring compensatory time and overtime pay for State law enforcement officers who work on Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, or New Year's Day. Enactment is contingent on the execution of a collective bargaining agreement between the State and the State Law Enforcement Officers' Labor Alliance, as specified in the bill. There is a related notification requirement for the Secretary of Budget and Management.

HB 757 Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Reporting of Architectural Services and Engineering Services Contracts

This bill requires State procurement units to disaggregate data on MBE procurements for architectural services and for engineering services (which are currently reported together) that the units report annually to GOMA, the Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and Personnel Oversight.

HB 852 / SB 801 State Retirement and Pension Systems - Cost-of-Living Adjustments - Simplification and Clarification

These bills make technical and clarifying changes to the statutory provisions addressing annual cost-of-living adjustments for SRPS retirees. The bills consolidate common cost-of-living benefit provisions and clarify the methods by which cost-of-living adjustment benefits are calculated. The bills also contain uncodified language stating that the legislative intent of the bills is to clarify the cost-of-living adjustment provisions, and that the bills may not be construed to alter the benefits an individual is receiving or is entitled to receive.

HB 877 / SB 811 Procurement - Investment Activities in Iran - Board of Public Works Authority to Adopt Regulations

These bills require BPW to adopt regulations in response to changes to the federal Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010 (CISADA) or any other federal law that imposes sanctions on investment activities in Iran. The legislation also expands existing State law, authorized by the CISADA, that prohibits a person involved in investments in Iran from participating in State procurement to include any enacted federal law that alters the CISADA or investment sanctions in Iran.

HB 902 / SB 751 State Police Retirement System - Reemployment of Retirees

These bills extend by four years (until June 30, 2018) an exemption from the reemployment benefit offset for a reemployed retiree of the State Police Retirement System if the retiree is reemployed on a contractual basis by the Department of State Police at a rank of trooper first class. The bills also exempt from the reemployment offset a retiree of the State Police Retirement System who is reemployed as a civilian on a contractual basis.

HB 1031 / SB 658 Estate Tax and Income Tax - Marital Deduction and Subtraction Modification for Health Insurance

These bills create a subtraction modification under the State income tax for individuals who pay health insurance costs on behalf of another individual if the taxpayer and the individual are recognized by the State as lawfully married. The amount of the subtraction modification equals 100% of eligible costs incurred by the individual, not to exceed the amount that is paid to provide coverage for the spouse and that is subject to federal income tax.

HB 1337 / SB 702 Maryland Public Art Initiative Program - Selection of Art for Capital Projects

These bills require all new and substantially renovated buildings constructed entirely with State funds to include public art such as murals, mosaics, paintings, or sculptures. This requirement is not intended to increase the cost of State capital projects, and the Departments of Budget and Management and General Services must jointly develop and administer a waiver program for cases in which the use of public art is too costly or not practical.

HB 1348 Maryland Program Evaluation Act - Revisions and Clarifications

This bill clarifies and revises the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, including the duties required of DLS in conducting preliminary and full evaluations of governmental activities and units subject to the Act. Specifically, the bill 1) outlines the preliminary evaluation process, specifies when DLS will consider recommending a full evaluation, and limits full evaluations to issues raised by the preliminary evaluation; 2) provides that specified boards will only have a full evaluation; 3) repeals requirements for appointing an evaluation committee and submitting a preliminary plan; and 4) extends the dates by which evaluation reports are due and by which the General Assembly is required to hold hearings.

HB 1353 / SB 188 Minority Business Enterprises - Participation and Goals and Subgoals

These bills extend the termination date of the MBE program by one year, until July 1, 2017, and defer the completion date of a new disparity study also by one year, to September 30, 2016. The Special Secretary of Minority Affairs, in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation and the Attorney General, is required to establish guidelines for each procurement unit to consider when determining the appropriate MBE participation goals for a procurement contract. The bills further require each procurement unit to implement a program that will enable it to consider the MBE participation and subgoal guidelines when evaluating each procurement contract.

HB 1499 Campaign Finance Reform Act of 2013

This bill makes various changes to the State's campaign finance laws relating to campaign contribution limits, contributions by business entities, legislative party caucus committees, administrative accounts, slates, independent expenditures and electioneering communications, enforcement, disclosure of contributions by persons doing public business, local public campaign financing, and other issues.

SB 4 State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks

This bill prohibits any State appointing authority in the Executive, Legislative, or Judicial Branch from inquiring into the criminal record or history of an applicant for employment until the applicant has been given an opportunity for an interview. The bill includes exemptions for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, any position for which an appointing authority is required by law to conduct a criminal history records check, positions in sheriffs' offices, or any position within the State Personnel Management System exempted by the Secretary of Budget and Management. An appointing authority may still notify an applicant that prior criminal convictions may prohibit employment for some positions.

SB 82 Elevator Safety - Third-Party Inspectors - Certification

Alters the definition of "third-party qualified elevator inspector" to mean a person who, in addition to meeting specified qualifications established by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, is certified by a nationally recognized safety organization accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) or the American National Standards Institute. The organization must ensure that (1) the certification requires testing and grading consistent with industry-recognized criteria and (2) any certification renewal requires continuing education.

SB 230 Open Meetings Act - Public Body - Definition

Expands the definition of a "public body" to include an entity that is created by a memorandum of understanding or a master agreement to which a majority of the county boards of education and the

State Department of Education are signatories. The purpose of the change is to subject the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, which is created by a master agreement signed by the local superintendents of schools, to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

SB 676 Governmental Procedures - Security and Protection of Information

This bill establishes, for units of State and local government (not including legislative or judicial agencies), specified requirements for protecting an individual's private information from unauthorized access. A unit that collects an individual's personal information must implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information collected and the nature of the unit and its operations. Similarly, a unit that uses a nonaffiliated third party as a service provider and discloses personal information about an individual must require that the third party implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices, as specified by the bill. A unit that discovers or is notified of a breach of the security system is required to take specified actions.

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APPENDIX I

Testimony, advocacy events, and briefings at the 2013 Session of the Maryland General Assembly of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community.

Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
1/16	Appropriations – Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	Maryland Longitudinal Data System Briefing	❖ Terry Shaw, Ph.D., MSW, MPH, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)
1/22	Budget & Taxation	Update on the Prince George’s Hospital Center	❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
1/23	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law Legislative Day	❖ Phoebe Haddon, JD, LLM, Dean, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL) ❖ Students, Faculty, and Alumni of the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL)
1/23	Ways and Means	HB 87 – Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Student Loan Debt	❖ Patricia Scott, Assistant Vice President, Student Financial Assistance and Education, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
1/29	Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence	Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation & Excellence Briefing	❖ Michael Greenberger, Director, Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL)
1/30	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland School of Medicine Legislative Day	❖ E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Dean, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) ❖ Students, Faculty, and Alumni of the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)
1/30	Judicial Proceedings	SB 109 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Research - Synthetic Cannabinoids	❖ Bruce D. Anderson, PharmD, DABAT, Director of Operations, Maryland Poison Center, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Letter of Information
1/30	Finance	SB 121 Health Care Decisions Act - Incapacity to Make Informed Decision - Certification by Psychologist	❖ Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support with Amendments

Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
1/30	Budget and Taxation	SB 9 Criminal Law - Table Games and Video Lottery Terminals - Playing by Individual Under 21 Years of Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Joanna Franklin, MS, NCGCII, Program Director, Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support with Amendments ❖ Michael Rosen, Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support ❖ Christopher Welsh, MD, Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support ❖ Carl Robertson, Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
1/30	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs and Health and Government Operations	Maryland Board of Physicians 2011 Sunset Review Follow-up Briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, UMB ❖ Barbara Klein, Chief Government and Community Affairs Officer, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) ❖ Diane Hoffmann, JD, MS, Professor, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL)
1/30	Budget and Taxation	SB 69 Tobacco Products – Tobacco Tax – Exemptions and Penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kathleen Hoke, JD, Assistant Professor and Director, Legal Resource Center for Tobacco Regulation, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL), Representing Self-Support
1/31	Health and Government Operations	HB 179 – Pharmacists-Administration of Vaccinations-Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, Dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Cherokee Layson-Wolf, PharmD, Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/5	Judiciary	HB 267 Criminal Law - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Research - Synthetic Cannabinoids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Bruce D. Anderson, UMSOP-Letter of Information

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2/5	Judiciary	HB 153 Office of the Public Defender - Representation at Bail Hearing - Provisional	❖ Douglas Colbert, JD, University of Maryland School of Law (UMSOL), Representing Self-Oppose
2/6	Appropriations-Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	HB 100 USM Operating Budget	❖ Jay A. Perman, MD, President, UMB-Support
2/7	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 273 Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013	❖ Janice Hoffman, Assistant Dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON), Representing Self-Support with Amendments
2/7	Budget and Taxation-Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee	HB 100 USM Operating Budget	❖ Jay A. Perman, MD, President, UMB-Support
2/8	Eastern Shore Delegation Briefing	Agricultural Support Initiative	❖ Teresa LaMaster, JD, Associate Dean, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL) ❖ Peter Gilbert, Chief Operating Officer and Senior Vice President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) ❖ Barbara Klein, UMB
2/13	Budget and Taxation	SB 272 State Lottery Agency - Tickets - Electronic Devices Connected to the Internet	❖ Joanna Franklin, UMSOM-Support
2/13	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland Dental School Legislative Day	❖ Students, Faculty, and Alumni of the University of Maryland Dental School (UMDS)
2/13	Budget and Taxation and Finance	SB 274 Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013	❖ Paige Lescure, Research Assistant, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL), Representing Self-Support with Amendments
2/13	Health and Government Operations	HB 228 Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013	❖ Paige Lescure, UMSOL-Support with Amendments

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2/19	Health and Government Operations	HB 581 Hospitals - Establishment of Palliative Care Programs - Required	❖ John Cagle, PhD, MSW, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
2/19	Health and Government Operations	HB 690 Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council	❖ Reba Cornman, MSW, Director, Geriatrics and Gerontology Education and Research Program, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/19	Finance	SB 494 Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence - Duties	❖ Howard Neal Reynolds, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Self-Support
2/20	Finance	SB 496 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telemedicine	❖ Howard Neal Reynolds, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support
2/20	Health and Government Operations	HB 746 Health Occupations - Licensed Podiatrists - Scope of Practice	❖ Daniel Farber, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Maryland Orthopedic Association-Oppose
2/20	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 401 Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations - Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements	❖ Natalie D. Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖ Cherokee Layson-Wolf, UMSOP-Support
2/20	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 859 Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support ❖ Peter Suh, JD, MS, University of Maryland Center for Health & Homeland Security, University of Maryland School of Law (UMSOL)-Support
2/20	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 676 Governmental Procedures - Security and Protection of Information	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support ❖ Peter Suh, UMSOL-Support
2/20	Economic Matters	HB 960 Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support ❖ Peter Suh, UMSOL-Support
2/20	Health and Government Operations	HB 959 Governmental Procedures - Security and Protection of Information	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support ❖ Peter Suh, UMSOL-Support
2/20	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland School of Nursing Legislative Day	❖ Jane M. Kirschling, UMSON ❖ Students, Faculty, and Alumni of the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)

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2/20	Appropriations-Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program	❖ Brenda Hussey-Gardner, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Self-Support
2/21	Budget and Taxation-Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program	❖ Brenda Hussey-Gardner, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support
2/21	Appropriations-Health and Human Resources Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – DHMH Prevention and Health Promotion – Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin J. Cullen, MD, Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) and Director, University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center, UMMC-Support
2/22	Environmental Matters	HB 1067 Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Blood Lead Level	❖ Pat McLaine, DrPH, MPH, RN, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support
2/25	Budget and Taxation-Health and Human Services Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – DHMH Prevention and Health Promotion – Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support
2/26	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland School of Pharmacy Legislative Day	❖ Natalie D. Eddington, UMSOP ❖ Students, Faculty, and Alumni of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)
2/27	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 515 State Board of Pharmacy - Jurisdiction over Dentists Who Prepare and Dispense Dental Products and Antibiotics	❖ Norman Tinanoff, DDS, Professor and Chair, University of Maryland Dental School (UMDS) and Maryland Dental Action Coalition-Support ❖ Louis DePaola, DDS, MS, Professor and Chief of Clinical Operations, University of Maryland Dental School (UMDS)-Support
2/27	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 672 State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation	❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, UMB-Support

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2/27	Judiciary	HB 942 Identity Fraud – Medical Records	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support
2/27	Judicial Proceedings	SB 624 Identity Fraud – Medical Records	❖ Michael Greenberger, UMSOL-Support
2/27	Health and Government Operations	HB 1096 State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation	❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, UMB-Support
2/27	Finance	SB 822 Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Safety Net Act of 2013	❖ Nancy Lever, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Center for School Mental Health-Support ❖ Sharon Stephan, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Center for School Mental Health-Support
2/27	Finance	SB 585 Health Insurance - Federal and State Mental Health and Addiction Parity Laws - Report on Compliance	❖ Ellen Weber, J.D., Professor, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, (UMSOL)-Support
2/27	Health and Government Operations	HB 1252 Health Insurance - Federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act - Utilization Review Criteria and Standards	❖ Ellen Weber, UMSOL-Support
2/27	Finance	SB 698 Labor and Employment - Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMSOL, Representing Self-Support
2/28	Judiciary	HB 697 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Maryland Mediation Confidentiality Act - Applicability	❖ Deborah Eisenberg, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL)-Support ❖ Toby Guerin, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (UMSOL)-Support

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2/28	Finance	SB 679 Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council	❖ Reba Cornman, UMB-Support
3/5	Health and Government Operations	HB 890 Health - Overdose Response Program - Establishment	❖ Ellen Weber, UMSOL-Support ❖ Christopher Welsh, UMSOM-Support ❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/5	Appropriations	HB 1332 Educational Institutions - Personal Electronic Account - Privacy Protections	❖ Kevin P. Kelly, Director, Government Affairs, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Letter of Concern
3/6	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 644 University of Maryland Medical System Corporation - Public Information Act	❖ Donna Jacobs, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)-Oppose ❖ Megan Arthur, Esq., Senior Vice President and General Counsel, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)-Oppose
3/6	Finance	SB 798 Hospitals - Credentialing and Privileging Process - Telemedicine	❖ Marc Zubrow, M.D., Associate Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support with Amendments ❖ Donna Jacobs, UMMS-Support with Amendments
3/6	Finance	SB 610 Health - Overdose Response Program - Establishment	❖ Christopher Welsh, UMSOM-Support ❖ Ellen Weber, UMSOL-Support ❖ Ameet Sarpatwari, PhD, M.Phil, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMSOL)-Support
3/6	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 838 Educational Institutions - Personal Electronic Account - Privacy Protections	❖ Kevin P. Kelly, UMB – Letter of Concern
3/7	Health and Government Operations	HB 783 State Board of Pharmacy - Jurisdiction over Dentists Who Prepare and Dispense Dental Products and Antibiotics	❖ Norman Tinanoff, UMDS-Support ❖ Louis DePaola, UMDS)-Support

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3/7	Finance	SB 804 Labor and Employment - Health Care Facilities - Workplace Violence Prevention Program	❖ Jane Lipscomb, RN, PhD, FAAN, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON), Representing Self-Support
3/7	Health and Government Operations	HB 1042 Hospitals - Credentialing and Privileging Process – Telemedicine	❖ Marc Zubrow, UMSOM-Support with Amendments
3/7	Health and Government Operations	HB 931 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Telemedicine	❖ Donna Jacobs, UMMS-Support
3/7	Health and Government Operations	HB 934 Task Force on the Use of Telehealth to Improve Maryland Health Care	❖ Donna Jacobs, UMMS -Support with Amendment
3/12	Budget and Taxation Capital Budget	HB 101 Capital Budget – University of Maryland Medical System	❖ Stephen Davis, MD, Physician-in-Chief, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)-Support
3/13	Budget and Taxation	SB 714 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Student Loan Debt	❖ Patricia Scott, UMB-Support
3/13	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 647 Higher Education and Health Occupations - Nurse Midwifery Program - Study	❖ Shannon McClellan, Esq, MBA, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Oppose ❖ Janice Hoffman, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean of the Baccalaureate Program, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Oppose
3/13	Health and Government Operations Health Facilities and Occupations Subcommittee	HB 1096 State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation	❖ Barbara Klein, UMB
3/14	Appropriations	HB 1293 Higher Education and Health Occupations - Nurse Midwifery Program – Study	❖ Janice Lazear, DNP, CRNP, CDE, Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Oppose

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3/14	Health and Government Operations	HB 826 Maryland Health Care Commission - Personalized Medicine - Study	❖ Alan Shuldiner, MD, Associate Dean for Personalized Medicine, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
3/14	Health and Government Operations	HB 932 Child Care Centers - Dispute Resolution	❖ Anna Horevay, student, University of Maryland School of Law (UMSOL), Representing Self-Support
3/15	Ways and Means	HB 1515 Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act of 2013	❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, UMB-Support
3/18	Budget and Taxation- Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 101 Capital Budget – University of Maryland Medical System	❖ Stephen Davis, UMMS-Support ❖ John Ashworth, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)-Support ❖ Mark Wasserman, University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS)-Support
3/19	Appropriations-Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 101 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ E. Albert Reece, UMSOM-Support
3/19	Judiciary	HB 1464 Criminal Law - Deadly Weapons on the Property of an Institution of Higher Education	❖ Antonio Williams, MS, Chief of Police, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support with Amendments
3/20	Judicial Proceedings	SB 932 Criminal Law - Deadly Weapons on the Property of an Institution of Higher Education	❖ Antonio Williams, UMB-Support with Amendments
3/26	Health and Government Operations	HB 1430 Task Force on Pharmacogenomics	❖ Thomas Dowling, PharmD, PhD, FCP, Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Center for Innovative Pharmacy Solutions, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy-Letter of Information
3/26	Budget and Taxation-Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 101 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Robin Pierson, MD, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Interim Director for Research Affairs, University of Maryland School of Medicine-Support
3/27	Finance	HB 303 Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning	❖ Pat McLaine, UMSON-Support with Amendment

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3/28	Delegate David Rudolph & Cecil and Harford County Representatives	Research Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jay Perman, MD, President, UMB ❖ Peter Gilbert, UMB ❖ Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, Chief Academic & Research Officer & Senior Vice President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) ❖ James Hughes, Chief Enterprise and Economic Development Officer & Vice President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) ❖ Barbara Klein, UMB

APPENDIX II

Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR) - Summary of Significant Reporting Requirements
Items Relate to the State Operating Budget (HB 100) and State Capital Budget (HB 101)
2013 Session of the Maryland General Assembly

At each session of the State legislature, the budget committees issue a report, known as the "JCR" or "Joint Chairmen's Report." The JCR details all reductions made to requested appropriations by the legislature, expresses statements of legislative intent, provides policy guidance for executive and judicial branches of government, and requires the submission of certain data and reports.

The table below summarizes the JCR items that may be of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB). An asterisk following the page numbers in the table that follows indicates that a copy of the actual page from the Joint Chairmen's is included as part of the Appendix.

Budget Code Agency JCR Page	2013 Session JCR Items Relating to HB 100 - State Operating Budget or HB 101 - State Capital Budget	Due By
D18A18.01 GOC 14	Out of Home Placements - Requires a report on the number of placements, costs, and reasons for placements and an evaluation of data derived from the Maryland Family Risk Assessment.	12/15/2013
D79Z MHIP/MHBE 22	Maryland Health Insurance Plan Transition - Requires a report outlining plans for transitioning members from MHIP to MHBE.	10/01/2013
DO5EO1.02 BPW 6*	Hudson Family Legal Expenses - Requires use of Contingent Fund for grant to the Hudson Family for certain unreimbursed legal expenses.	
F10A01.01 DBM 31	Evidence-based Policy Decision Making Process - Requires DBM and DLS to convene a Workgroup to study establishment of a formal process.	12/01/2013
F50 DoIT 35	Information Technology - Requires a report on a strategy for the use of contractors and State personnel.	11/27/2013
G20J SRA/DBM 37	Phased Retirement - Requires the agencies, with exclusive bargaining representatives, to report on a plan for phased retirement.	12/01/2014
MOOA DHMH 55-56*	Behavioral Health Service System - Restricts funds pending a report on a model for behavioral health integrated service delivery and financing system.	12/1/2013 or with RFP

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MOOA DHMH/HSCRC 56-57*	CMS Waiver - Restricts funds pending a report on the Medicare waiver modernization application submitted within 30 days of submission to CMS and a report on the Medicare waiver modernization application within 30 days of CMS' approval of the waiver.	30 days submission of report
MOOF02.01 DHMH 63	Local Public Health - Requires a report on local health outcomes and funding for health services.	12/01/2013
MOOF03 DHMH 64-65	Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment - Requires a report on program enrollment for the first half of FY14.	01/15/2014
MOOF03 DHMH 64-65	Breast and Cervical Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment - Requires a report on program enrollment in the second half of FY14.	09/01/2014
MOOF03.01 DHMH 64	Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Restricts funds pending report on reducing infection rates in Baltimore City.	12/01/2013
MOOK02 DHMH 67	Alcohol and Drug Recovery Services - Requires a report on support services.	11/15/2013
MOOK02.01 DHMH 66	Alcohol and Drug Abuse Grants - Restricts funds pending a report detailing the award of fiscal 2014 local treatment grants.	12/01/2013
MOOL DHMH 69*	Mental Health Services - Requires a report on services for transitional age youth.	11/01/2013
MOOL01.02 DHMH 69-70*	Mental Health Crisis Services - Restricts funds pending a report on Crisis Response Services.	7/01/2013
MOOL01.02 DHMH/MHA 69-70*	New Center for Excellence on Early Intervention for Serious Mental Illness - Restricts funds for direct care services or research activities.	
MOOL01.03 DHMH 70	Residential Treatment Center Outcomes - MHA to convene a stakeholder group to develop meaningful outcome measures, including facility specific outcome data.	11/01/2013
MOOL01.03 DHMH 71	Individuals with Serious Mental Illness and Aging in Place - Requires a report on programming needed to maintain individuals in place and avoid nursing home care.	11/01/2013

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MOOL01.03 DHMH 71	Specialty Physician Rates - Expresses intent that certain unexpended funds be used to increase evaluation and management rates in the public mental health system along with a report if any funding is used.	08/01/2013
MOOQ01 DHMH 81	Long-Term Care Rebalancing Initiative - Requires a report on use of funds for pilot projects and initiatives funded from savings from the Balancing Incentives Payment Program (BIPP) and the Community First Choice (CFC) Program.	10/15/2013
MOOQ01.01 DHMH 75	Oral Anesthesia - Restricts funds pending a report on anesthesia services.	09/15/2013
MOOQ01.03 DHMH 76-77	Medicaid Provider Reimbursements - Restricts funds pending a formula to allocate supplemental payments to MCOs to increase access to care in rural counties.	07/01/2013
MOOQ01.03 DHMH 79	MCO Rate Setting - Requires a report on plans of DHMH to use the enhanced capabilities of the new information system to develop additional payment regions and different methodologies.	12/01/2013
MOOR01.01 DHMH- MHCC 82	Health Delivery and Planning in Rural Areas - MHCC to convene stakeholders to evaluate planning, workforce adequacy, barriers due to distance and access to transportation, and impact of hospital consolidation and to make recommendations.	12/01/2013
NOOB00.04 DHR 86	Residential Child Care - Requires a report on the evaluation of the rate setting process.	10/01/2013
NOOB00.04 DHR 86-87	Cancer Patients and Individuals with Disabilities - Requires a report assessing certain practices and possible improvements for policies and procedures to assist individuals in applying for benefits.	12/01/2013
NOOG DHR 88-89	Child Welfare Caseload Data - Requires a report on caseload data and filled positions assigned by jurisdiction for specified caseload types.	11/29/2013
R00A01 MSDE 111	College Readiness/Computer-Based Assessments - Requires a report identifying each local school system's needs to fully implement assessments and a plan to address deficiencies.	11/01/2013
R30B26 Frostburg 132	Associate Degree Scholar Award - Requires a report on the graduation rates of the students who received an award.	12/15/2013
R30BOO USM 126*	USM Faculty Workload - Requires annual report on the instructional workload of tenured and tenured-track faculty with UMB specifically included.	12/15/2013

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R3OB00 USM/MHEC 126*	Loan Data by Expected Family Contribution (EFC) - Requires data from each USM institution on undergraduate loans.	12/15/2013
R3OB27 Coppin 133	Special Review Committee - Requires a report implementing the 2013 Special Review Committee's findings.	08/01/2013
R3OB31 UMBC 134	Internship Opportunities in IT - Requires a report on the feasibility of implementing a pilot program for students of other universities.	12/15/2013
R3OB36 USM 135	Intercollegiate Athletics/Division I - Requires a report on the financial sustainability of USM's maintaining Title IX compliance.	09/30/2013
R3OBOO USM/MHEC 126*	Institutional Aid By EFC Category - Requires data from each USM institution on undergraduates, including average award size by EFC.	12/15/2013
R62I00 MHEC/DBM	HBCUs - Requires a report on long-term success of the State's HBCUs. See supplemental budget document.	12/31/2014
R62I00 MHEC/DBM	HBCUs - Requires a report on long-term success of the State's HBCUs. See supplemental budget document.	12/31/2013
R62I00 MHEC 136	Higher Education Needs/Frederick County and Northeast Maryland - Requires MHEC to study higher education funding needs and report to delegations and budget committees.	No due date
R62I00 MHEC 137*	Performance-Based Funding - Requires a report based on the model testing which is to be conducted based on the revised framework due in 2013.	10/15/2014
R62I00 MHEC 137*	Performance-Based Funding - Requires a revised framework based on MHEC reconvening the former workgroup which is to refine their work to ensure the metrics are appropriate, and consider how UMB has the opportunity to benefit from the proposed model. The proposed model must be tested and data must be available, reliable and valid.	10/15/2013
R62I00 MHEC 137-138	Student Outcomes - Requires MHEC to report on improvements to the Student Outcome and Achievement Report.	06/30/2014
R62I00 MHEC 138	Complete College America (CCA) Data - Requires annual updates of the dataset based on the data collected as part of the CCA, which requires standard and consistent data.	12/01/2013

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R62I00 MHEC 138	Students with Learning Disabilities - Requires a report on what services are available and the services that are required to meet needs.	12/01/2013
R62I00 MHEC 139*	Military Veterans - Requires MHEC to report on incentives for military personnel and veterans to enroll in higher education, including any legislation needed and progress in implementing guidelines for awarding experiential credit per SB 153 (2013 Session).	12/15/2013
R62I00 MHEC 140	Student Success at Public Four-Year Institutions - Requires an enhanced report on student progression, retention and graduation rates and an evaluation of financial needs.	08/01/2013
R62I00 MHEC 140-141	Need-Based Grant Awards - Requires a report on improving award amounts and other grant criteria.	10/15/2013
R75T00 USM 144-145*	MPowering Program - Restricts \$6,710,095 to be used only for funding for those activities.	
R75T00 USM/MSU/SM 147	Social Networking - Requires the governing boards of public higher education to establish policies limiting the monitoring of students' social media activities.	09/01/2013
R75T00 USM 132	Educational Excellence Awards Program - Restricts \$3 million of USM funds for transfer to this scholarship program.	
R75T00 USM 142-143*	USM Enhancement Funding - Restricts \$13.0 million pending a report on how funds will be spent and metrics to measure progress.	07/01/2013
RB36B USM 235	Southern Maryland Educational Needs - Restricts capital funds pending an assessment and a formal agreement of the roles and responsibilities of each partner in the facility.	45 days before the expenditure of funds
ROOA01 MSDE 111	College Transition Courses - Requires reports on transition courses and planned college and career-ready interventions.	12/02/2013
ROOA01 MSDE 112	School Enrichment - Requires a report on before and after school enrichment reform.	12/01/2013
ROOA02 MSDE 115	Digital Learning Innovation Fund - Restricts funds and requires a report on how the funds will be allocated among projects.	08/01/2013

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ROOA02 MSDE 115	Early College Innovation Fund - Restricts funds pending a report on how monies will be allocated and evaluated.	08/01/2013
ROOA02 MSDE 116	Maryland Meals for Achievement - Requires a report on increasing participation in the program.	10/01/2013
TOOF00.12 DBED 151	Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit Program - Requires a report on the process for awarding the credits and recommendations for changes to remove any impediments from a wider distribution so that more qualified biotechnology companies benefit.	12/01/2013
V00D02.01 DJS/SSW 155*	Residential/Community Services - Restricts funds pending a gap analysis report (prepared with the UM School of Social Work) on residential and community-based services.	12/01/2013
VI0A DJS 156	Internal Evaluation of Multi-Disciplinary Assessment Teams - Requires a report on the operational and fiscal impact of the teams used to conduct internal mental health evaluations.	01/01/2014
ZAOOY PGHS 242-243*	MOU of UMCP and UMB on Prince George's Hospital - Restricts use of capital funds pending an MOU between PGHS, UMCP and UMB.	45 days before expenditure of funds

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Board of Public Works

Budget Amendments

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

D05E01.02 Contingent Fund

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that up to \$300,000 of this appropriation, if determined by the Board of Public Works to be appropriate, be expended as a grant to the Alan and Kristin Hudson family for any remaining unreimbursed legal expenses or court costs related to defending the lawsuit brought by the Waterkeeper Alliance alleging violations of the Clean Water Act. The amount of the grant, if any, shall be determined by the Board of Public Works based on documented legal expenses and court costs remaining after deducting any award of legal expenses by a federal court to the Hudson family and taking into consideration private funds raised for the purpose of paying legal expenses.

Explanation: Authorizes the Board of Public Works to provide a grant of up to \$300,000 for certain unreimbursed legal expenses.

Committee Narrative

Operational Reporting: In continuance of the practice that began in July 2008, the committees request that the Maryland Zoological Society submit:

- audited financial statements for fiscal 2013; and
- year-to-date monthly attendance figures for the zoo for fiscal 2014 (by visitor group).

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Audited financials	Maryland Zoological Society	November 1, 2013
Attendance reports	Maryland Zoological Society	Monthly

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Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of the Secretary

Budget Amendments

Add the following language:

Provided that \$1,000,000 of the General Fund appropriation of the Office of the Secretary made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) submits a report to the budget committees detailing the Secretary of DHMH's final recommendation on a model for a behavioral health integrated service delivery and financing system.

If the Secretary chooses to move forward with the implementation of a new model, the report shall:

- (1) detail how the new model will align financial incentives, resolve adverse selection, promote information exchange, establish multidisciplinary care coordination teams, and develop competent provider networks;
- (2) outline how services to the uninsured and Medicaid-eligible services to Medicaid recipients will be provided;
- (3) discuss the role of existing local planning agencies and State administrative support for those agencies;
- (4) outline how other existing programs that operate outside of the current Medicaid, mental health fee-for-service, and substance abuse grant programs will operate;
- (5) evaluate the outcome measures currently in place in the Medicaid, mental health, and substance abuse systems and detail how those measures need to be improved or expanded upon;
- (6) evaluate current rate-setting methodologies and determine what changes to those methodologies should be made;
- (7) discuss whether or to what extent the current array of statutorily created substance abuse treatment programs should be consolidated into a single block grant;
- (8) evaluate the fiscal impact of the model; and
- (9) add any other information the department wishes to include.

Further provided that the department, simultaneous with the issuance of any request for proposals (RFP) to implement a new behavioral health service delivery and financing system shall submit the RFP to the budget committees.

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The requested report shall be submitted on the earlier of December 1, 2013, or the issuance of an RFP to implement a new behavioral health service delivery and financing system. The committees shall have 60 days to review and comment only on the report. Funding withheld pending the receipt of the report may not be expended or transferred to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted.

Explanation: In the 2011 and 2012 interims, DHMH has been engaged in a process to develop a new behavioral health service delivery and financing system. A steering committee has recommended a system model, but no final decision has been made on implementation. The language requests DHMH to submit a report to the budget committees on implementation details for any model that is chosen including any RFP.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Behavioral health integration	DHMH	December 1, 2013, or with the issuance of an RFP for the implementation of a new behavioral health service delivery and financing system if earlier

Add the following language:

Further provided that \$100,000 of the General Fund appropriation of the Office of the Secretary made for the purpose of administration may not be expended until the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission, submits two reports to the budget committees concerning the modernization of the State's Medicare waiver. Specifically:

- (1) Within 30 days of the submission of an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to modernize the State's Medicare waiver, DHMH is requested to submit a report containing the final application, a list of changes from the draft application circulated to stakeholders in March 2013, a preliminary timeline for implementation of Phase 1 of the Medicare waiver modernization plan, and the process of stakeholder input prior to any final decision being made by CMS and the State.
- (2) Within 30 days of the approval by CMS of the State's Medicare waiver modernization application, a final timeline for implementation of Phase 1 of the Medicare waiver modernization plan, any regulatory or statutory changes required to implement Phase 1 of the Medicare waiver modernization plan, the process for stakeholder input prior to the implementation of Phase 1, and a timeline for the implementation of Phase 2 of the Medicare waiver modernization plan.

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The committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on each report. Funding withheld pending the receipt of the two reports may not be expended or transferred to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if both reports are not submitted.

Explanation: DHMH recently submitted an application to CMS to modernize the State's existing Medicare waiver. This waiver is the legal basis for the State's unique all-payor hospital financing system. The application proposes significant changes to the current test required to keep the Medicare waiver and in the long term anticipates moving to a test which encompasses the relative growth of all health care spending, a significant expansion of the current test which focuses only on hospital inpatient spending. The language requires DHMH, in consultation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), to submit two reports on the waiver modernization process.

Information Request	Authors	Due Date
Medicare waiver modernization application	DHMH HSCRC	Within 30 days of the submission to CMS of a Medicare waiver modernization application
Medicare waiver modernization	DHMH HSCRC	Within 30 days of CMS' approval of the State's Medicare waiver modernization application

M00A01.02 Operations

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

provided that \$35,001 of this appropriation made for personnel expenses may not be expended for that purpose but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to the Department of Aging (program D26A07.01) to fund the Senior Care Program grant at the same level in fiscal 2014 as in fiscal 2013. Funds not used for this restricted purpose may not be expended or otherwise transferred and shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: The language restricts funding in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Office of the Secretary to be used to level-fund the Senior Care Program grant in the Department of Aging.

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<u>Effect</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Amount Reduction</u>	<u>Position Reduction</u>
Position	3.00	3.00		0.00
General Fund	69,980,262	68,430,262	1,550,000	
Special Fund	6,626,641	6,626,641	0	
Federal Fund	39,337,537	39,337,537	0	
Total Funds	115,944,440	114,394,440	1,550,000	

Committee Narrative

Mental Health Services for Transitional Age Youth: A number of Maryland children access mental health services through school-based settings. The committees are interested in understanding: what resources are currently available specifically to address the mental health needs that exist for youth aged 18-26 as they transition away from the services received in those settings; and what gaps in services are identifiable. In developing its response, the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) should consult with appropriate stakeholder groups.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Mental health services for transitional age youth	MHA	November 1, 2013

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M00L01.02 Community Services

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that the \$1,200,000 in funding for a Center for Excellence on Early Intervention for Serious Mental Illness may not be used to support administrative or indirect costs but may only be used for direct care services or research activities.

Further provided that the \$2,000,000 in funding for crisis response services may not be expended until the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) reports to the budget committees by July 1, 2013, on:

- (1) the recommended continuum of crisis response services in each jurisdiction;
- (2) which of these services is currently available in each jurisdiction, the cost of providing these services and their funding sources;

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- (3) additional services that are needed to complete the crisis response system in each jurisdiction;
- (4) the cost of implementing the additional services that are needed in each jurisdiction;
- (5) recommendations as to how these services can be most efficiently implemented in each jurisdiction, or region, if a regional approach is recommended to achieve economies of scale; and
- (6) how the available funding will be allocated.

The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the report. Funding restricted pending the receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: The language restricts funding for a Center for Excellence on Early Intervention for Serious Mental Illness to direct services or research only and restricts funding for crisis response services until MHA submits a report on the need for crisis response services statewide as well as how the proposed funding will be used

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Crisis Response Services	MHA	July 1, 2013

Committee Narrative

M00L01.03 Community Services for Medicaid Recipients

Residential Treatment Centers Outcomes: The committees are interested that consistent and meaningful outcome measures are adopted by all public and private Residential Treatment Centers (RTC) in Maryland. The Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) has indicated that it will be convening a stakeholder group to develop such measures. The committees request that MHA submit a report by November 1, 2013, on the results of that stakeholder process. The report should also include any available facility-specific outcome data for outcome measures that will be adopted for RTCs even if the data is not available for every facility.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
RTC outcomes	MHA	November 1, 2013

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University System of Maryland

Committee Narrative

Faculty Workload Report: The committees request that the University System of Maryland (USM) continue to provide annual instructional workload reports for tenured and tenure-track faculty. By focusing on these faculty, the committees gain a sense of the teaching activities for the regular core faculty at the institutions. Additional information may be included at USM's discretion. Furthermore, the report should include the percent of faculty meeting or exceeding teaching standards for tenured and tenure-track faculty for the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Annual report on instructional workload for tenured and tenure-track faculty	USM	December 15, 2013

Institutional Aid by Expected Family Contribution Category: The committees request that data be submitted in an electronic format (Excel file) for each University System of Maryland (USM) institution on undergraduate institutional aid awards. Data should include the number of institutional aid awards and average award size by Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for institutional grants, institutional athletic scholarships, and other institutional scholarships as reported to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for fiscal 2013. Data should also include the number of institutional aid awards and average award size by EFC for tuition waivers/remissions of fees to employees and dependents for fiscal 2013. The report is be submitted either by USM or MHEC.

Information Request	Authors	Due Date
Report on institutional aid by EFC category	MHEC or USM	December 15, 2013

Loan Data by Expected Family Contribution Category: In order to more fully understand all of the types of aid available to students, the committees request that undergraduate loan data be submitted for each University System of Maryland (USM) institution. Data should include, by Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the number of loans and average loan size of federal subsidized and unsubsidized loans, and loans from private sources as reported to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for fiscal 2013. Additionally, data should be provided on Pell grants including the number and average award size by EFC for fiscal 2013. The report is be submitted in an electronic format (Excel file) either by USM or MHEC.

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and universities (HBCU) to improve retention and graduation rates. From fiscal 2001 to 2006, the funds were budgeted through the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) and released after each HBCU submitted proposals to MHEC outlining how the funds would be spent in the coming year. Beginning in fiscal 2007, Access and Success funds were appropriated directly to the HBCUs. The committees request that MHEC collect progression, retention, and graduation data from each public HBCU on all students participating in the Access and Success program in fiscal 2013. Data should be analyzed and presented by institution and program. Data should include the throughput completion rate in credit-bearing coursework for required remedial classes. The report should include a summary of fiscal 2013 programs supported by Access and Success funds and a statement from each institution on how findings from the 2012 report have been used to inform and improve programs and student services supported by Access and Success funds. The report shall be submitted by October 15, 2013.

Information Request	Authors	Due Date
Report on the fiscal 2013 outcomes by cohort of students participating in Access and Success programs	HBCUs MHEC	October 15, 2013

Performance-based Funding Model: The committees are interested in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) reconvening the workgroup on performance-based funding to further revise and refine the framework to ensure the metrics are appropriate, easily understood, and are difficult for institutions to game. When revising the framework, MHEC needs to ensure the recommendations from the predictive performance workgroup are considered. The workgroup also needs to consider how best to ensure that the University of Maryland, Baltimore has the opportunity to benefit from the proposed model. Furthermore, MHEC should test the revised model for a year in order to establish a baseline, evaluate the metrics to ensure they are reasonable, and determine if the data is available, reliable, and valid. The report on the revised framework should be submitted on October 15, 2013, and a report detailing the results of the testing of the revised model should be submitted on October 15, 2014.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on revised performance-based model	MHEC	October 15, 2013
Report on the results of the performance-based model	MHEC	October 15, 2014

Improvements to the Student Outcome and Achievement Report: The budget committees are interested in improving the usefulness of the Student Outcome and Achievement Report (SOAR) for local education agencies (LEA). The SOAR reports to LEAs on the performance of

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Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on students with learning disabilities	MHEC	December 1, 2013

Incentives for Military Personnel and Veterans to Enroll in Higher Education in Maryland: The committees understand that active duty and recently discharged members of the United States Armed Forces, including the reserves or National Guard, are critical in achieving the State's college completion agenda and in strengthening the State's workforce in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics. Therefore, the committees request that the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC), in consultation with the public institutions of higher education in the State, develop an incentive program that would encourage active duty and recently discharged members of the United States Armed Forces to attend Maryland institutions. In developing a program, MHEC shall evaluate existing tuition exemptions for military personnel. MHEC should report its findings to the committees by December 15, 2013, including any recommendations for legislation that may be necessary to implement the findings. Additionally, MHEC should include in the report its progress on implementing guidelines for awarding experiential credit to members of the military as required by Senate Bill 153 of the 2013 session.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on incentives for military personnel and veterans to enroll in higher education in Maryland	MHEC	December 15, 2013

Institutional Aid by Expected Family Contribution Category: The committees request that data be submitted in an electronic format (Excel file) for each community college on institutional aid awards. Data should include the number of institutional aid awards and average award size by Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for institutional grants, institutional athletic scholarships, and other institutional scholarships as reported to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) for fiscal 2013. The data in the response should differentiate between need-based aid and merit scholarships. Data should also include the number of institutional aid awards and average award size by EFC for tuition waivers/remissions of fees to employees and dependents for fiscal 2013. The report is to be submitted either by the Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) or MHEC.

R75T00 Higher Education

Budget Amendments

R75T00.01 Support for State Operated Institutions of Higher Education

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$3,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the University System of Maryland institutions may not be used for that purpose but instead may be transferred by budget amendment to the Maryland Higher Education Commission Educational Excellence Awards (R62I00.10). Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

Explanation: The language restricts \$3 million of the University System of Maryland's appropriation to be transferred to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Educational Excellence Awards in order to provide additional funding for Educational Assistance Grants in this program. The grants provide need-based aid to full-time students to meet 40% of financial need for four-year students and 60% of need for community college students, up to a maximum annual award of \$3,000. The program currently has a waitlist of approximately 31,000 students, and providing scholarships to these students would cost about \$69 million. The additional \$3 million would allow MHEC to award approximately 1,500 scholarships.

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$13,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of funding program initiatives at the University System of Maryland (USM) institutions may not be expended until USM submits a report to the budget committees detailing how these funds will be used and metrics to measure the progress or results of the activities funded by this appropriation. The report shall be submitted to the budget committees by July 1, 2013, or 45 days prior to the release of funds. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment on the report. Funds restricted pending receipt of the report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees. It is the intent of the General Assembly that programs funded with initiative funding that meet or show progress toward meeting the submitted metrics in fiscal 2016 will continue to receive funding for an additional two years.

Explanation: The budget includes \$24.3 million in general funds to fund program enhancements or initiatives directed toward specific initiatives at USM institutions including Mpowering and technology transfer; academic transformation; science, technology, engineering, and mathematics and health-related workforce; and achievement gap and completion. The language restricts \$13.0 million of this appropriation until USM submits a report detailing how these funds will be used and metrics to measure the progress and/or results of the activities

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funded with the enhancement or initiative funds. The report is to be submitted to the budget committees by July 1, 2013, or 45 days before the release of funds. The language also expresses legislative intent that those programs funded with initiative funds that meet or show progress toward meeting metrics in fiscal 2016 will receive funding for an additional two years.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on use and metrics to measure progress and programs funded with initiative funds	USM	July 1, 2013, or 45 days prior to the release of funds
Report on progress toward meeting the metrics	USM	September 1, 2014, and annually thereafter

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$1,535,170 of this appropriation made for the purpose of converting contractual positions and adding regular faculty positions may not be expended until Morgan State University submits a report to the budget committees documenting the positions that have been converted and identifying new regular faculty that have been hired in response to enrollment growth. The report shall include a policy, approved by the Board of Regents, on conversion of contractual positions. The report shall be submitted by September 1, 2013, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: The fiscal 2014 budget provides \$1,033,430 specifically designated for the conversion of 12 faculty and 12 staff contractual positions to regular positions. The budget also includes \$501,740 specifically designated for “Faculty for Growth,” which is to be used to either hire additional regular faculty, if needed to meet enrollment demands, or to convert additional contractual faculty to regular positions. This language withholds the expenditure of those funds until Morgan State University (MSU) submits a report documenting the conversion of positions and the hiring of additional regular positions in response to enrollment growth.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Report on the conversion of contractual positions and hiring of new regular faculty	MSU	September 1, 2013

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Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

It is the intent of the General Assembly that \$500,000 made for the purpose of the College Park Academy Public Charter School shall be one-time funding provided to fund the start-up of the school.

Explanation: The language expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the \$0.5 million for the College Park Academy Public Charter School is to be one-time funding provided to fund the start-up of the school.

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that since the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) has had four or more repeat findings in the most recent fiscal compliance audit issued by the Office of Legislative Audits, \$100,000 of this agency's administrative appropriation may not be expended unless:

- (1) UMES has taken corrective action with respect to all repeat audit findings on or before January 1, 2014; and
- (2) a report is submitted to the budget committees by the Office of Legislative Audits listing each repeat audit finding along with a determination that each repeat finding was corrected. The budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment to allow for funds to be released prior to the end of fiscal 2014.

Explanation: The Joint Audit Committee has requested that budget bill language be adopted for each unit of State government that has four or more repeat audit findings in its most recent fiscal compliance audit. Each such agency is to have a portion of its administrative budget withheld pending the adoption of corrective action by the agency, and a determination by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA) that each finding was corrected. OLA shall submit reports to the budget committees on the status of repeat findings.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
UMES audit follow up	OLA	45 days prior to the release of funds

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$6,710,095 of the appropriation for the University System of Maryland institutions made for the purpose of funding MPowering and technology transfer activities may be used only for this purpose. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund.

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Explanation: The language restricts \$6.7 million of the University System of Maryland's appropriation to be used to fund MPowering initiatives and programs. These activities are part of a new alliance between the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore leveraging the resources of each institution to further advance transitioning research from the laboratory to commercial application.

Add the following language to the special fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$1,100,000 of this appropriation may be used only to provide a grant to St. Mary's College of Maryland to implement a freeze in the resident undergraduate tuition rate for fiscal 2014 and to fund the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Completion Grant, contingent on enactment of S.B. 828 or H.B. 831.

Explanation: This language provides funds to freeze undergraduate resident tuition at St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) and to fund the DeSousa-Brent Scholars Completion grant, contingent on enactment of SB 828 or HB 831. This funding may be transferred to SMCM from the Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF). This amount would be included in the general SMCM funding formula in the out-years and is in addition to the \$383,840 of HEIF support that SMCM is already allocated in fiscal 2014.

Committee Narrative

Report on Credits to Degree: Not all students have a clear pathway of the courses needed to graduate which can lead to students taking too many credits for a degree or not realizing they have earned enough credits to graduate. This results in increased costs to students and time, which increases the chance a student will drop or stop out of college. By establishing a credit to degree goal, colleges and departments will need to determine the sequence of courses needed to graduate, thereby providing students a clear program pathway from the first semester to graduation. Therefore, the committees are interested that institutions adopt policies establishing the number of credits for a degree. For instance, the University System of Maryland established a policy setting 120 credits as the standard number required for a bachelor's degree except for programs requiring five years of coursework or programs fulfilling external accreditation standards. Additionally, St. Mary's College of Maryland has set a 128 credit standard. To date, Maryland community colleges and Morgan State University (MSU) have not established credit standards. The committees request MSU, Baltimore City Community College (BCCC), and the Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) report on the status of policies establishing credit standards by October 1, 2013.

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Department of Juvenile Services

Budget Amendments

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

V00D02.01 Departmental Support

Add the following language to the general fund appropriation:

, provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing departmental support may not be expended until the Department of Juvenile Services in conjunction with the Innovations Institute at the University of Maryland School of Social Work conducts a gap identification analysis of residential and community-based gender-specific services and submits the findings to the budget committees. The analysis should compare the current service array to the identified needs of the offender population and assess whether the services are sufficient to meet the needs of all youth, and girls specifically. To the extent that gaps in the available services are identified, the report should also include a proposed action plan for addressing those gaps. The report shall be submitted by December 1, 2013, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.

Explanation: This language withholds funds until the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), in consultation with the Innovations Institute at the University of Maryland School of Social Work, conducts a gap identification analysis of residential and community-based services, with particular attention paid to services addressing the female offender population. Disparities among the genders continue to exist at almost every decision point in the juvenile justice system, including the available services to address the unique needs of the female population. DJS has conducted a statistical analysis of the population and created an inventory of available services. This report takes the next step by requiring the department to compare whether the identified needs are being met by the services currently available. The report is to be submitted no later than December 1, 2013.

Information Request	Author	Due Date
Residential and community-based services gap analysis	DJS, in consultation with the Innovations Institute at the University of Maryland School of Social Work	December 1, 2013

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Hopkins University develops, in consultation with the University of Maryland, College Park, a plan to provide access to Maryland's 4-year public and non-profit private institutions of higher education, including Morgan State University and the University System of Maryland. Further provided the plan shall be submitted to the budget committees, and the committees shall have 45 days to review and comment (Baltimore City).....

Explanation: The amendment requires Johns Hopkins University (JHU), in consultation with the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), to submit a plan to provide access to the high performance computing data center to Maryland's other public and non-profit private institutions of higher education, if requested. JHU and UMCP understand and agree with the Governor's and the legislature's intent for the high performance computing data center to benefit all of the State's academic research institutions. As required by Chapter 444 of 2012, JHU and UMCP developed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish the governance and capital and operating funding for the facility. That MOU includes a provision that allows either institution to make the facility available to third parties. This serves as a mechanism to provide access to other institutions of higher education. With an existing mechanism in place, the legislature should require JHU and UMCP to develop a plan for working with the State's other public and non-profit private universities to provide access to the facility.

Information Request	Authors	Due Date
High Performance Data Center Access Plan	JHU UMCP	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds

ZA00Y Prince George's Hospital System New Regional Medical Center \$ 20,000,000

Add the following language:

Prince George's Hospital System. Provide funds to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the purpose of providing a grant to begin site acquisition, design, construction, and equipping of a new Regional Medical Center in Prince George's County. The Department will provide a grant to the owner/operator of the Regional Medical Center, provided that \$5,000,000 of these funds may not be expended until a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been entered into between the new Prince George's County Regional Health System (PGHS), the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) that, as part of the development and construction of the new regional medical system, includes preliminary agreements with any required State funding needed to align institutional assets in a manner that supports the viability of PGHS through the creation of joint educational programs, research collaborations, and advancements in the fields of health sciences. The MOU shall be planned in a manner that:

- (1) advances new and existing joint research efforts between UMCP and UMB and improves the health care status of citizens in the county through these programs at PGHS;

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- (2) increases educational opportunities in the health sciences fields; and
- (3) provides the basis for increased economic development in the county.

Further provided that the budget committees shall have 45 days from the receipt of the MOU to review and comment.....

Explanation: This language requires UMB, UMCP, and the leadership team developing the new regional medical center to enter into an MOU that aligns institutional resources to promote the economic impact of the new regional medical center. The combined expertise of UMB, UMCP, and the leadership team, working to ensure that the new regional medical center creates opportunities for increased research, educational, and economic development opportunities, is essential to maximizing the impact of the regional medical center in Prince George’s County.

Information Request	Authors	Due Date
An MOU that outlines strategies for promoting the viability of PGHS	UMB UMCP PGHS	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds

ZA00AC Adventure Sports Center International \$ 1,000,000

Add the following language:

(AC) Adventure Sports Center International. Provide funds to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Adventure Sports Center International Site, including upgrading telecommunications and building new and upgrading existing infrastructure and facilities (Garrett County)..... 1,000,000

<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Authorization</u>
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Explanation: This language adds a grant to the Board of County Commissioners of Garrett County for improvements to the Adventure Sports Center International site to assist in improvements to the site in preparation for the International Canoe Federation 2014 Canoe Slalom World Championships.

APPENDIX III

Key Bills of Special Interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) That Require Work Groups, Regulations, Reports or Waivers 2013 Session of the Maryland General Assembly

Item Key:

Com: Committees or official groups, such as task forces, councils, etc.

Prg: Programs such as pilot projects, demonstrations, etc.

Reg: Regulations or official guidelines, plans, forms, etc.

Rpt: Reports such as preliminary, progress, annual, final, etc.

Wvr: Waiver - agencies or departments may be mandated to apply for a waiver

Acronyms

ACA - Affordable Care Act	FIN - Finance Committee, Senate
AG - Attorney General	GOC-Governor's Office for Children
AELR - Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review Committee	GOCCP - Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
APP - Appropriations Committee, House	HGO - Health and Government Operations Committee, House
B&T - Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate	HMO - Health Maintenance Organization
BPW - Board of Public Works	HSCRC – Health Services Cost Review Commission
BRAC - Base Realignment and Closure	JPR - Judicial Proceedings Committee, Senate
DBED - Department of Business and Economic Development	JUD - Judiciary Committee, House
DBM - Department of Budget and Management	LPC - Legislative Policy Committee
DGS - Department of General Services	MGA - Maryland General Assembly
DHMH - Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	MHA - MD Hospital Association
DHR - Department of Human Resources	MHCC - Maryland Health Care Commission
DJS - Department of Juvenile Services	MHEC - Maryland Higher Education Commission
DLLR - Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation	MHIP - MD Health Insurance Plan
DLS - Department of Legislative Services	MIA - Maryland Insurance Administration
DOA – Department of Aging	MIEMSS – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems
DOD – Department of Disabilities	OHCQ - Office of Health Care Quality
DOE - Department of the Environment	PSC - Public Service Commission
DOP - Department of Planning	SSA - Social Security Administration
DOT - Department of Transportation	UMB - University of Maryland, Baltimore
DPSCS - Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	UMBC - University of Maryland, Baltimore County
DSP - Department of State Police	UMCP - University of Maryland, College Park
ECM - Economic Matters Committee, House	UMMS - University of Maryland Medical System
EHEA - Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, Senate	USM - University System of Maryland
EHR - Electronic Health Records	W&M – Ways and Means Committee, House
ENV - Environmental Matters Committee, House	

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB0009 SB0390	Health - Food Allergy Awareness, Food Safety, and Food Service Facility Letter Grading - Posting Requirement and Task Force	Creates a task force including a representative of Food Allergy Research and Education, to study food allergy related topics and make recommendations for food safety training regarding food allergies. Requires Task Force to report findings and recommendations with suggestions for training models.	Com	10/01/13
HB0057 SB0355	Office of Health Care Quality - Abuser Registry Workgroup	OHQC shall reconvene the Abuse Registry Workgroup from 2012 to review previous work and the alternative approach recommended by the Acting Exec. Director of OHQC. Will recommend changes in statutory law, regulations or procedures to deter abuse and neglect in health care settings. OHQC will report to the Governor, FIN and HGO on Workgroup findings.	Com	01/01/14
HB0129 SB0262	Task Force to Study Implementing a Civil Right to Counsel in Maryland	Task Force to study whether low-income individuals should have the right to counsel at public expense in basic human needs cases such as those involving shelter, sustenance, safety, health, or child custody. Task force shall report findings and recommendations.	Com	10/01/14
HB0136	Stete Personnel - Teleworking - Statewide Program and Goals	Requires DBM Secretary to establish a statewide telework program, adopt a statewide policy and guidelines and have a goal of at least 15% of eligible employees participating from the executive branch and units with independent personnel systems; not applicable to USM.	Prg	10/01/13
HB0179 SB0401	Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccinations - Expanded Authority and Reporting Requirements	Secretary of DHMH is required to study the feasibility and desirability of requiring all health care providers who administer vaccinations to report vaccination to ImmuNet.	Rpt Final	01/01/14
HB0225 SB0273	Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013	DHMH, DLLR, MSDE, MIEMSS and MHEC will report on number of applicants identified as service members, veterans or military spouses and how many of those applicants were approved or denied. Report will include processing times, licensing unit's efforts, challenges and recommendations. Requires each licensing board to study and make recommendations regarding the Veterans Full Employment Act of 2013.	Rpt Final	01/01/15
			Rpt Prelim	01/01/14

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB0226	Maryland Offshore Wind Energy Act of 2013	Clean Energy Program Task Force will report and make recommendations on feasibility of clean energy degree or certificate programs at certain colleges and universities to Governor and MGA.	Rpt	07/31/14
HB0227	Maryland Employment Advancement Right Now (EARN) Program	DLLR shall convene a working group of stakeholders, including higher education institutions, to advise on the initial development and implementation of Maryland EARN Program.	Com	
SB0278		DLLR, DBED and Governor's Workforce Investment Board to establish EARN program. Program provides skills and job readiness training resulting in a credential or identifiable skill.	Prg	
HB0228	Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013	Authorizes MHBE to establish a State Reinsurance Program.	Prg	09/01/14
		Authorizes MHBE to establish requirements relating to qualified vision and dental plans.	Reg	
		The Commissioner and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene are each authorized to adopt regulations to enforce continuity-of-care requirements.	Reg	
		Requires MHBE and MIA to study the impact of ACA's allowance of a tobacco use rating of 1.5 to 1 and the options that may be available to the State to address any adverse consequences.	Rpt	09/01/14
		Requires MD Health Benefit Exchange and MIA to conduct a study and report on exchange enrollment, reduction of uninsured, eligibility of Maryland residents and those who are using the exchange.	Rpt	12/01/15
		Requires MD Health Benefit Exchange and MIA to study the impact of federal regulations regarding pediatric dental benefits purchased in and out of the MHBE and assess options that may be available.	Rpt	12/01/14
		Requires MHBE, DHMH, MIA and MHCC to study the implementation and efficacy of the bill's continuity-of-care provisions	Rpt	09/01/14 12/01/17
HB0245	Family Law - Substance-Exposed Newborns	Requires DHR to submit a preliminary report to MGA on the bill's implementation.	Rpt	10/01/14
		Requires DHR to submit final report to MGA.	Rpt	10/01/15
HB0303	Task Force to Study Point-of-Care Testing for Lead Poisoning	Creates task force to study lead poisoning point of care testing including two public health experts. Task Force shall study and make recommendations.	Com	

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
		Will report findings and recommendations to Governor, FIN and HGO.	Rpt	01/01/14
HB0312 SB0334	Mammograms - Dense Breast Tissue - Notification	Requires certain centers that produce, develop or interpret mammograms to provide notice to patients under certain circumstances regarding dense breast tissue. DHMH may adopt regulations that change content of such notice.	Reg	
HB0327 SB0385	State Government - Health, Education, and Social Services - Submission of Documents in Electronic Form	Creates a workgroup to determine process to submit electronic documents to certain agencies. Will consist of staff from State agencies that license health, education or social services programs to determine a process of electronic file transmission. Report to EHEA and HGO on the process determined by the Workgroup.	Rpt	01/01/14
HB0333	Family Investment Program - Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program	DHR Secretary must establish a Couples Advancing Together Pilot Program within DHR, assisting 100 couples to move toward lasting family units. DHR Secretary shall report annually on the number of couples participating and successful completions.	Prg Rpt	Annual 10/01/13
HB0364	Swimming Pools - Automated External Defibrillator Programs (Connor's Law)	DHMH and MIEMSS to jointly adopt certain regulations that establish guidelines for periodic inspections and annual maintenance of automated external defibrillators and assist each local jurisdiction in carrying out these regulations for certain swimming pools.	Reg	
HB0373 SB0151	Hospitals - Outpatient Services - Off-Site Facility - Rate Regulation	UMMS shall submit a report to HGO and Finance on changes in utilization, including payer mix, of outpatient digestive diseases services provided at on-site and off-site facilities within Shore Health System.	Rpt	Final 01/01/14
HB0391 SB0224	State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Wellness Program	Establishes State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program. DBM and DHMH shall promote goals of DHMH State Health Improvement Process and aim to achieve savings that exceed costs of wellness program. DBM will report to Governor and MGA.	Prg Rpt	 02/01/16
HB0453	Education - Maryland Center for School Safety	Maryland Center for School Safety Governing Board to include a school psychologist or sociologist, and to collaborate with local school systems in the state and community organizations on collection, analysis, and integration of statewide data on safe school best	Com	

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
		practices. Report shall include all Center activities, and an update on current status and effectiveness of the Center.	Rpt Annual Annual	12/15/13 12/15/13
HB0526	Higher Education - Maryland First Scholarship - Creation and Funding	Creation of Maryland First Scholarship Program eligibility requirement and establishing the Maryland First Scholarship Fund.	Prg	
HB0527	Frederick Regional Higher Education Advisory Board	Establishes the Frederick Regional Higher Education Advisory Board including composition, appointment and terms of Board members. The Board will assess unmet higher education needs within Frederick region.	Com	11/01/13
HB0560	Public-Private Partnerships	Reporting agencies must submit a report concerning each public-private partnership under consideration that has not been reviewed or approved previously by the General Assembly and a status report concerning each existing public-private partnership in which the reporting agency is involved	Rpt Annual	01/01/14
HB0581	Hospitals - Establishment of Palliative Care Pilot Programs	Establishes at least 5 palliative care pilot programs in certain State hospitals with 50 or more beds, selected by MHCC. MHCC, Office of Health Care Quality and MHA will report to certain MGA committees on pilot program findings including data outcomes and best practices that can be utilized across the state as palliative care standards.	Prg Rpt	12/01/15
HB0604	Department of Juvenile Services - Graduated Responses - Report	Requires DHS to report on implementation of a system of graduated responses for children under the Department's jurisdiction to JPR and JUD. Report is due on or before specified date.	Rpt	12/01/14
HB0613	Sustainable Communities - Designation and Financing	Requires DOP to produce models and guidelines report on best practices for tax increment financing, including information that the Maryland Economic Development Corporation can offer to local jurisdictions.	Rpt	10/01/13
HB0624	State Board of Nursing - Licensure by Endorsement - Clinical Experience	Requires Board of Nursing to adopt regulations to implement waiver of clinical requirements.	Reg	10/01/18

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
		Requires the Board of Nursing to report to EHEA and HGO on the number of registered nurses who have applied for licensure by endorsement.	Rpt	12/01/16
HB0687	Commission on Child Custody Decision Making	Establishes Commission on Child Custody Decision Making to study issues in the field. Commission shall include one sociologist from the UM School of Social Work, recommended by the President of UMB, along with three mental health workers who have experience with special areas of interest. Requires a report on findings and recommendations. Requires a report on findings and recommendations.	Com Rpt Interim Rpt Final	07/01/13 12/31/13 12/31/14
HB0690	Virginia I. Jones	The established council will include a physician, a health professional, a social worker, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a registered nurse, and a licensed nurse practitioner with expertise in Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders. The Council shall develop and monitor the 2012 State plan on Alzheimer's Disease and related disorders.	Com	10/01/13
SB0679	Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council			
HB0757	Procurement - Minority Business Enterprises - Reporting of Architectural Services and Engineering Services Contracts	Requiring certain units of State government, including USM, to report procurement information for MBE architectural and engineering services for the preceding fiscal year.	Rpt Annual	07/01/14
HB0775	Maryland Pesticide Reporting and Information Workgroup	Workgroup will consist of many key stakeholders including one public health and toxicology expert and one environmental health expert. Workgroup will study current federal process to approve a pesticide, cost-benefit analysis and impacts of pesticides. Final findings due. Preliminary findings and recommendations due.	Com Rpt Final Rpt Prelim	07/01/13 07/01/14 12/31/13
SB0675				
HB0803	Income Tax - Business and Economic Development - Cybersecurity Investment Incentive Tax Credit	Establishes panel of cybersecurity technology experts to assist DBED to determine tax credit eligibility. Requires DBED to report on tax credit certificate awards for prior calendar year.	Com Rpt Annual	07/01/13 01/10/14

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB0813	Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities	Creates a Task Force to Study the Impact of Expanding Credit and Noncredit Courses for Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Task Force will study impact and availability of credit and noncredit courses for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities at public institutions of higher education in the State and make recommendations regarding expansion of current offerings.	Com	07/01/13
HB0823	Task Force to Study Housing and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth	Creates task force of many stakeholders including one service provider and one young adult from Baltimore Homeless Youth Initiative. Task Force will study needs and resources available for unaccompanied homeless youth, and make recommendations on initiatives to address these needs. Requires Task Force to report on findings and recommendations.	Com	07/01/13
HB0830	Alternatives to the General Educational Development Tests - Study	Division of Workforce and Adult Learning in DLLR will study and report on alternative methods to obtain a high school diploma.	Rpt	12/01/13
HB0877	Procurement - Investment Activities in Iran - Board of Public Works Authority to Adopt Regulations	Requires BPW to adopt regulations reducing certain dollar amounts or parameters relating to investment activities in Iran.	Reg	10/01/13
HB0890	Health - Overdose Response Program - Establishment	Establish an Overdose Response Program in DHMH to authorize certain individuals to administer naloxone to an individual experiencing an opioid overdose. DHMH must adopt regulations necessary for the administration of the program.	Prg	
SB0610	Report on tracking, success and accountability including StateStat accountability process to Governor, FIN and ECM.	Report on tracking, success and accountability including StateStat accountability process to Governor, FIN and ECM.	Rpt	12/31/14
HB0932	Child Care - Dispute Resolution	Establishes dispute resolution workgroup in MSDE consisting of many stakeholders including one from the Maryland Disability Law Center. The workgroup shall make recommendations regarding rules and regulations establishing uniformed and timely child care provider dispute resolution process.	Com	10/01/13

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB0934 SB0776	Telemedicine Task Force - Maryland Health Care Commission	Creates task force with three existing advisory groups including the clinical advisory group, technology solutions and standards advisory group, and financial and business model advisory group. Requires report with recommendations identifying telehealth opportunities and strategies for increased access to health care in rural areas.	Com Rpt Interim	07/01/13 01/01/14
HB0955 SB0888	Task Force to Study Temporary Disability Insurance Programs and the Process for Assisting Individuals with Disabilities at Local Departments of Social Services	Establishes a task force including one representative of a disability advocacy organization, two local Dept of Social Services' representatives and at least two representatives of cancer treatment center navigators. Task Force will report on findings regarding the State temporary disability insurance program.	Com Rpt	06/01/13 12/01/13
HB0983 SB0143	Public Schools - Emergency Management Plans - Evaluations	Requires MSDE to report county board emergency management plan recommendations. Requires county boards to submit report to MSDE with recommendations on improvements and cost of emergency management plans.	Rpt Rpt	07/01/14 03/01/14
HB0986	State Board of Pharmacy - Sterile Compounding - Permits	State Board of Pharmacy shall maintain and annually submit information relating to each sterile compounding permit holder including the permit holder's name and address as well as the permit category.	Rpt	01/01/14
HB1009	Cosmetic Surgical Facilities - Regulation	Requires DHMH Secretary to adopt regulations for cosmetic surgical facilities in the State including standards for facilities and classification of procedures.	Reg	10/01/13
HB1019 SB0586	Task Force to Study the Implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in the Southern Maryland Region	Task Force will study the implementation of a Hub and Spoke Program in Southern Maryland to provide low-income, working poor, and unemployed populations with fresh farm products. Task Force will assess nutritional needs and share its findings and recommendations via report to MD Secretary of Agriculture. Requires Task Force to report its findings and recommendations.	Com Rpt	06/01/13 12/01/13 12/01/13

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB1062 SB0195	Hospitals - Notice to Patients - Outpatient Status and Billing Implications	Requires Hospitals to provide oral and written notice to a patient of their outpatient status including billing implications and Medicare rehabilitation services eligibility. In consultation with hospitals in the State, DHMH will adopt regulations standardizing elements to be included in notice.	Reg	10/01/13
HB1096 SB0672	State Board of Physicians and Allied Health Advisory Committees - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation	Total board membership is increased from 21 to 22 members by adding a second licensed physician with a full-time faculty appointment to serve as a representative of an academic medical institution in the State, with one from UM School of Medicine. MBP to submit report on update to any changes to Board's disciplinary process and the effect of those changes on complaint process to EHEA, ENV and HGO.	Com Rpt Annual	 10/01/13
HB1101	Medical Marijuana - Academic Medical Centers - Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission	Establishes an independent commission within DHMH, the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Marijuana Commission. Members shall include one nurse, one pharmacist, and one scientist nominated by a state research institution. The Commission develops requests for applications for academic medical centers to operate programs in the State; approve or deny initial and renewal program applications and monitor and oversee programs approved for operation.	Com	10/01/13
HB1119 SB0752	Department of Budget and Management - Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program	Establishes a Foster Youth Summer Internship Pilot Program with DHR Secretary's assistance and in consultation with local Department of Social Services' directors. The program will coordinate with stakeholders regarding training and consultation to establish internships in state government's executive branch. DHR and DBM secretaries to report on number of foster youth participants, location and type of internships, and efforts to recruit eligible participants to B&T, FIN, and APP.	Prg Rpt	01/01/14 10/31/15
HB1131 SB0857	Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Educators Service Memorial	Establishes Commission to consist of several stakeholders including two retired educators who actively taught in the State, two actively employed educators in the State all of whom are State residents. Commission will identify site for Maryland Educators Service Memorial, estimate necessary funding, compile design ideas and make recommendations regarding site and memorial design. Will report on findings and recommendations for memorial.	Com Rpt	07/15/13 12/01/13

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB1159	Electric Companies - Service Restoration - Special Medical Needs Facilities	PSC will report to MGA on recommendations of how to more effectively respond to electricity outages that affect special medical needs facilities, and annual performance reports and how DHMH can address these issues. DHMH Secretary shall establish and provide a list including licensed capacity of special needs facilities on or before January 1 each year to each electric company for its service territory.	Rpt Annual	12/01/13
HB1170 SB0965	Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund Workgroup	Establishes workgroup to examine creation of Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund. Findings and recommendations of the workgroup will be reported.	Com Rpt	01/01/14
HB1297 SB0897	Consumer Protection - Security Freezes - Children in Foster Care Settings	Requires DJS to determine whether it is practical, appropriate, and necessary for the department to request a security freeze for each child in its custody.	Rpt Rpt	12/31/13 12/01/13
HB1315	Economic Development Programs - Data Collection and Tracking (Maryland Jobs Development Act)	DBED shall submit a report on economic development programs it administers, including number of jobs created and retained, and estimated State revenue generated during previous fiscal year to the Governor and MGA.	Rpt Annual	12/31/13
HB1328 SB0332	Estates and Trusts - Special and Supplemental Needs Trusts - Regulations by State Agencies	Requires each State agency that provides public benefits to individuals with disabilities to adopt certain regulations that are not more restrictive than any State law regarding trusts.	Reg	10/01/13
HB1337 SB0702	Maryland Public Art Initiative Program - Selection of Art for Capital Projects	Requires DBM and DGS, to the extent practicable, to include public art in specified new buildings and major renovations that are funded entirely with State funds, subject to a waiver process.	Wvr	10/01/13
HB1343 SB0380	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Workgroup on Cancer Clusters and Environmental Causes of Cancer	Requires DHMH to convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential environmental causes of cancer. Workgroup will include representatives of academic medical institutions, cancer patients advocates, and scientists in the State. Report on process of researching and identifying cancer clusters in the State.	Com Rpt	06/30/14

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
HB1353 SB0188	Minority Business Enterprises - Participation and Goals and Subgoals	The Special Secretary of Minority Affairs, in consultation with MIDOT and the AG, is required to establish guidelines for each procurement unit to consider when determining the appropriate MBE participation goals for a procurement contract.	Reg	No date
SB0004	State Personnel - Applicants for Employment - Criminal History Records Checks	Requires DBM to annually report to the MGA on the total number of positions that have been filled in the State personnel management system and those positions that have been designated exceptions by the Secretary.	Rpt	Annual 10/01/13
SB0070	Business and Economic Development - Enterprise Fund and Invest Maryland Program	Requires DBED to report annually on the implementation of the Enterprise Fund and Invest Maryland Program to the Governor, B&T and W&M including information regarding amount of designated capital received and amount remaining uninvested during the previous fiscal year.	Rpt	Annual 01/01/14
SB0083	Department of Aging - Aging and Disability Resource Center Program - Maryland Access Point	Establishes the Aging and Disability Resource Center Program in the DOA which will provide a coordinated system of information and access for individuals seeking particular services and coordinate the program with DOD, DHR, Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and DHMH.	Prg	10/01/13
SB0086	Voluntary Placement for Former Children in Need of Assistance	Requires Social Services Administration of the DHR to establish an out-of-home placement program for certain former Children in Need of Assistance.	Prg	
SB0153	Higher Education - Academic Credit for Military Education, Training, and Experience	SSA to include eligibility requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations for providing assistance to individuals at least 18 years old. MHEC, in conjunction with institutions of higher education, is to develop and adopt academic credit guidelines for military trainings, coursework, and education. Public higher education institutions' governing bodies are to develop and implement policies in accordance with these MHEC guidelines.	Reg	
SB0374	Office of the Attorney General - Workgroup on Children's Online Privacy Protection	Requires the AG to convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the protection of children's privacy while using the Internet and mobile applications. The workgroup will consist of stakeholders including members of the academic community studying children's online privacy and effects of online advertising.	Com	

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
		Report due to FIN and ECM.	Rpt	12/31/13
SB0512	Health Care Practitioners - Identification Badge	Requires certain health care practitioners to wear a badge or form of identification when providing services to a patient. Certain exemptions regard patient and practitioner safety and use of first name only.	Reg	10/01/13
SB0587	Higher Education - Charles W. Riley Firefighter and Ambulance and Rescue Squad Member Scholarship	Establishes a commission to accept and utilize grants from the fund. Establishes the scholarship which may be awarded for tuition and mandatory fees at eligible institutions. Requires the Commission to report to the MGA on the fund including financial receipts.	Com Reg Rpt	07/01/13 Annual
SB0632	State Brain Injury Trust Fund	Requires DHMH to report on the status of adoption of any rules or procedures regarding the Fund and any recommendations for legislation needed to allow for more efficient administration of the Fund. Requires an annual report to the Governor and MGA regarding the number of individuals served by this fund and the services provided in the preceding fiscal year.	Rpt Rpt	01/01/14 12/01/13
SB0686	Family Investment Program - Earned Income Disregard Pilot Program	Establishes an Earned Income Disregard Pilot Program within the Family Investment Program and requires DHR to select and inform participants of their eligibility in the program. Requires DHR to select one county that has more than one district office to participate in pilot program. Requires a final report regarding client demographics and progress achieved in the program. Requires DHR to report on interim findings regarding client demographics and progress achieved in the program.	Prg Rpt Rpt	10/10/14 09/30/17 09/30/16
SB0740	College and Career Readiness and College Completion Act of 2013	Requires the MSDE, MHEC, county boards of education and other stakeholders to study and report on the transition courses required as well as college and career readiness as a reflection of high school transcripts. Requires MHEC to report on the academic, enrollment and financial impacts of being dually enrolled.	Rpt Rpt	12/15/13 12/31/17

Bill	Title	Requirements	Item	Due By
		Requires MHEC to report on obstacles and barriers toward facilitating the sharing of student information among institutions of higher education and the State.	Rpt	12/01/13
		Requires MHEC Commission Segmental Advisory Council to report on Maryland's academic course articulation data system and course transferability between institutions higher education and the State.	Rpt	12/31/13
		Requires the State Department of Education to report on the feasibility of the Maryland high school diploma.	Rpt	12/01/14
		Requires the Council to report on the progress of implementing college and career readiness including established strategies.	Rpt	12/01/14
		Requires the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to report to the Governor and MGA on students who are dually enrolled in High School and an institution of Higher Education.	Rpt	12/15/13
SB1029	Maryland Agricultural Certainty Program	Establishes an oversight committee including members of diverse interests that will provide policy oversight.	Com	10/01/13
		Establishes a program to verify whether an agricultural operation is in compliance with requirements.	Prg	
		Requires an annual report on program participation and recommendations from of oversight committee.	Rpt	12/31/14

APPENDIX IV

Significant Bills That Did Not Pass During the 2013 Session
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HB 26	Minority Business Enterprise Program-Former Subcontractors Transitioning to Prime Contractors
HB 87 / SB 714	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification-Student Loan Debt
HB 265 / SB 644	University of Maryland Medical System Corporation-Public Information Act
HB 508	Environment-Local Stormwater Management Charges –State Property
HB 536 / SB 738	Health Occupations-Magnetic Resonance Imaging Services-Study
HB 557 / SB 607	Institutions of Higher Education-Student Notification –Financial Information
HB 726 / SB 384	Economic Development-Sickle Cell Disease Research Program
HB 734 / SB 808	University System of Maryland - Institution Management – Admissions Requirements
HB 736 / SB 928	Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Specialty Drugs ¹
HB 779 / SB 368	Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund-Annual Report-Government Transparency Requirements
HB 826	Maryland Health Care Commission - Personalized Medicine - Study ²
HB 837	Family Farm - Prevailing Party - Attorney's Fees and Expenses
HB 937 / SB 494	Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence – Duties
HB 948 / SB 708	Tobacco-Related Disease Products Research, Development, and Commercialization Program
HB 960 / SB 859	Maryland Personal Information Protection Act – Revisions
HB 1029 / SB 783	State Board of Physicians - Naturopathic Doctors

¹ Referred to interim study by Health and Government Operations

HB 1283	Prevailing Wage Enforcement Act
HB 1293 / SB 647	Higher Education and Health Occupations - Nurse Midwifery Program – Study
HB 1310 / SB 834	Health Care Malpractice Claims - Definition of "Health Care Provider"
HB 1332	Educational Institutions - Personal Electronic Account - Privacy Protections
HB 1412	Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Mandatory Fees - Limit on Increases
HB1430	Task Force on Pharmacogenomics ²
HB 1464 / SB 932	Criminal Law - Deadly Weapons on the Property of an Institution of Higher Education
HB 1501 / SB 977	Task Force to Evaluate Regional Health Delivery and Health Planning in Rural Areas
SB 838	Educational Institutions - Personal Electronic Account - Privacy Protection
SB 972	Task Force to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore

² UMB will prepare a white paper for the legislature, along with potential recommendations, on the topics raised in HB 826 as well as in a related bill, HB 1430 - "Taskforce on Pharmacogenomics."

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