

Maryland 2025 Special Session Bills Vetoed

HB 56

Chapter 1 Delegate Charkoudian, et al

PROCUREMENT – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

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HB 128

Chapter 2

Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION – TOTAL ASSESSED COST OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS – STUDY AND REPORTS

Requiring the Comptroller, in coordination with the Department of the Environment and the Department of Commerce, to conduct a study to assess the total cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State and report certain findings to certain committees by December 1, 2026, on the total assessed cost of greenhouse gas emissions in the State based on the findings of the study; authorizing the Comptroller to hire a consultant to conduct the study; and requiring the report to include certain information and calculations.

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HB 270

Chapter 3

Delegate Crosby

DATA CENTER IMPACT ANALYSIS AND REPORT

Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General

Assembly by September 1, 2026.

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HB 328

Chapter 4

Delegate Ebersole, et al

STATE LOTTERY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – VETERANS’ AND FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than three instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by veterans’ organizations; providing for the distribution of proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by fraternal organizations; altering certain requirements concerning the conduct of gaming through instant ticket lottery machines; etc.

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HB 333

Chapter 5

Delegate Kerr, et al

HEALTHCARE ECOSYSTEM STAKEHOLDER CYBERSECURITY WORKGROUP

Establishing the Healthcare Ecosystem Stakeholder Cybersecurity Workgroup to develop strategies to prevent cybersecurity disruptions to the healthcare ecosystem, ensure the continuous delivery of essential healthcare ecosystem services, and enhance recovery efforts of the healthcare ecosystem following a cybersecurity incident; and requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report on or before January 1, 2026, and a final report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2026.

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HB 384

Chapter 6

Delegate Lehman, et al

MARYLAND DISABILITY SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities to select one or more nonprofit training entities to participate in the Program and provide additional funding mechanisms to assist eligible individuals in the Program; requiring the Department to select at least one nonprofit training entity to develop and implement a training protocol and to select qualified participants; and establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund to pay a participating nonprofit training entity.

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HB 1037

Chapter 7

Delegate Crosby

ENERGY RESOURCE ADEQUACY AND PLANNING ACT

Establishing the Strategic Energy Planning Office; requiring the Office to develop a Comprehensive Wholesale Energy Markets and Bulk Power System Risk Report and examine certain scenarios to support the development of the Risk Report; requiring the Risk Report to assess wholesale energy market financial resource adequacy and reliability risks and to identify any necessary cost-effective solutions that ensure electric system reliability while meeting the State's energy policy goals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HB 1316

Chapter 8

Delegate Wolek, et al

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – YOUTH-CENTRIC TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL MEDIA RESOURCE GUIDE

Requiring the National Center for School Mental Health at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to develop and publish a youth-centric technology and social media resource guide by the 2027–2028 school year; requiring the guide to be distributed, beginning with the 2027–2028 school year, to each public school and the parent teacher organization for each public school and posted on the websites of the Department and each county board; etc.

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SB 587

Chapter 9

Senator Muse, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission to study and make recommendations relating to appropriate benefits to be made to individuals whose ancestors were enslaved in the State or were impacted by certain inequitable government policies; and requiring the Commission to submit a preliminary report by January 1, 2027, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 116

Chapter 10

Senators Lewis Young and Ready

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Requiring the Department of the Environment, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the University of Maryland School of Business, in coordination with the Department of Legislative Services, to conduct an analysis of the likely environmental, energy, and economic impacts of data center development in the State; and requiring the Department of Legislative Services to coordinate preparation of the final report to be submitted to the Governor and the General

Assembly by September 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 121

Chapter 11

Senator A. Washington

VEHICLE LAWS – NOISE ABATEMENT MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – INSPECTION AND EXTENSION

Establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a noise abatement monitoring system; and extending by 2 years the reporting and termination dates of the noise abatement monitoring systems pilot programs in Montgomery County and Prince George's County.

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SB 149

Chapter 12

Senator Hester

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 157

Chapter 13

Senator Simonaire, et al

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CONTINGENT

SB 168

Chapter 14

Senator Simonaire

CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL CELLS – CONSTRUCTION – MORATORIUM

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from processing or making any recommendation on a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029; and prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a certain application submitted for the purpose of constructing a confined aquatic disposal cell from June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2029. **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025**

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SB 177

Chapter 15

Senator Hester

PROCUREMENT – STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – LOCAL FOOD PURCHASING PROGRAM

Requiring the State Department of Education, in coordination with the Department of General Services and the Department of Agriculture, to establish a program to procure local food for local school systems from certified local farms and certified Chesapeake invasive species providers under certain circumstances; altering a certain percentage price preference adopted by the Board of Public Works by regulations; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations relating to limiting responses for certain procurements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 455

Chapter 16

Senator McKay, et al

SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT

Authorizing a certain security guard agency to apply for the appointment of special police officers in order to protect property owned or leased by the security guard agency's clients.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SB 655

Chapter 17

Senator Hester

COURTS – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE EVIDENCE CLINIC PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing an Artificial Intelligence Evidence Clinic Pilot Program within the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide expertise in artificial intelligence to the circuit courts and the District Court in the form of expert testimony on certain types of evidence before the courts; requiring the Office to develop a grant application for the Program and award grants to eligible higher education institutions; and authorizing the Governor for fiscal years 2027 and 2028 to include \$250,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program.

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SB 691

Chapter 18

Senator Hester

HEALTHCARE ECOSYSTEM STAKEHOLDER CYBERSECURITY WORKGROUP

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SB 909

Chapter 19

Senator Hester

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