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BUDGET

On March 15, the House passed its version of [HB 150](#) the state budget. It contained many amendments to the original budget submitted by the Governor. It restored \$15 million in funding the Prince George County’s new hospital, state grants for poorer jurisdictions and teacher-retention, after school and scholarship programs. It would cut by two thirds the \$5.8 million the governor had proposed for scholarships for low income students to attend private schools. The governor’s proposal of no cost of living or salary step increases was approved while proposed merit step increases for employees of the judiciary were eliminated. The Senate passed its version on March 23. Since neither body would agree to the other’s version, a conference committee has been established to reconcile the two bills.

On March 24, the Governor announced that he was submitting a supplemental budget. According to his website, it will include \$10 million to the Inter-Agency Heroin and Opioid Coordinating Council, \$2.6 million for higher education including \$1.4 million for community colleges and scholarships, funds for job creation and economic development, \$3.7 million for the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program and funding for public safety priorities including \$2 million for the Baltimore Police Department to provide equipment necessary to comply with the Department of Justice consent decree.

The House also in the BRFA ([HB152](#)) increased the governor’s proposed 2 per cap on reimburse-

ments rates for care providers and approved the use of civilians to replace 50 state troopers at a savings of \$1 million. As with the operating budget, disagreements between the House and Senate will be resolved in a conference committee.

[HB 151](#), the capital budget has passed both houses and is in the Senate.

[HB 28](#) **Unappropriated General Fund Surplus – Appropriation to Pension Fund and Postretirement Health Benefits Trust Fund** (Krimm) 50% of the general fund balance in excess of \$10 million would be split evenly between the pension fund, and the post-retirement health benefits trust fund, up to \$25 million in each fund. This bill has been passed by the House and is now in the Senate. Hrg 3/30 8:30 a.m. B&T

Barbara Hankins

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Bail Reform

[HB 1280](#) **Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Criteria** (Anderson plus 7) provides that a defendant may be released before trial on personal recognizance or on bail, unless a judicial officer determines that the defendant is unlikely to appear in court, or endangers the alleged victim, another person, or the community. The bill also specifies the conditions a judicial officer should take into account before determining if a defendant should be released. It further specifies the possible conditions for release that the court may impose, including bail, which may be higher than the defendant has the financial ability to post. Hrg 3/7 JUD

Sentencing

[SB 1187](#) **Criminal Procedure - Life Without Parole - Repeal of Sentencing Proceeding** (Cassilly plus 4) Under current law, if the State seeks a sentence of life imprisonment without parole for a person convicted of first degree murder, a separate jury must be convened to determine, by a unanimous vote, whether a sentence of life imprisonment or life imprisonment without parole shall be imposed. This legislation repeals that provision, allowing the Court to determine the sentence. Hrg 3/23 JPR

[HB 1392](#) **Task Force to Study the Imposition of Life Without the Possibility of Parole for Persons Found Guilty of Murder in the First Degree** (Sanchez plus 2) establishes a Task Force to review the statutory, constitutional, and legislative history, and the policy of state courts, in the imposition of sentences of life without possibility of parole. The Task Force would examine the factors used to identify persons who receive such a sentence, and whether juveniles or persons with mental illness should be excluded. The Task Force should suggest guidelines or changes in policies, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly. Hrg 2/21 JUD

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 181](#) **Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Guidelines for Use of Electronic Control Devices** ([RSC-1](#)) Passed House 116 - 22; Hrg 3/22 JPR

[HB 19/SB 120](#) **Hate Crimes - Prohibitions and Protected Classes - Expansion to Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders** ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable report JUD

[SB 243](#) Correctional Services - Inmates - Financial Literacy Training ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable report JPR, withdrawn.

[HB 371/SB 312](#) Vehicle Laws - Drunk Driving - Subsequent Offenders - Felonies (Repeat Drunk Driving Offenders Act of 2017) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House with amendments 140 - 0; passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg. 3/28 JPR

[HB 429/SB 217](#) Criminal Law - Sexual Offenses - Physical Resistance ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House with amendments 139 - 0; Hrg. 3/29 JPR

[HB 374](#) Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Denial of Petition Without Hearing ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House 138 - 0; Hrg. 3/22 JPR

[HB 593/SB 348](#) State Compensation for Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment - Gubernatorial Pardon Requirement - Repealed ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House with amendments 88 - 47; passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg 3/29 JUD; JPR

[HB 739/SB 941](#) Public Safety - SWAT Teams - Reporting and Limitations ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House with amendments 113 -26; passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg 3/29 JUD

[SB 694/HB 723](#) Inmates - Life Imprisonment - Parole Reform ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House with floor amendment 79 -55; Hrg 3/13 JPR

[SB 714](#) Indigent Individual - Bail Review and Indigency Determination ([RSC-2](#)) Passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg 3/28 JUD

[HB 459](#) Higher Education - Adult Correctional Institutions - Job Training and Education ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House 99-37; Hrg 3/22 EHEA

[SB 744](#) Election of Circuit Court Judges - Nonpartisan Elections ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable Report JPR; withdrawn

[HB 1382/SB 1121](#) Election Law - Candidates for Circuit Court Judge Defeated in Primary Election ([RSC-4](#)) Passed House 129 - 11; favorable report JPR

[SB 983/HB1215](#) Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release ([RSC-4](#)) Favorable report with amendments JPR; passed Senate with amendments 29 -18; to HRU (this bill is controversial because it retains money bail in conflict with the Court of Appeals ruling. Floor amendments include: forbidding imposition of a financial condition for release if defendant is not capable of meeting that condition; establishment of a pretrial services work group).

[HB 488/SB 798](#) Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Substance - De Minimis Quantity ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable reports, JUD and JPR

[HB 1012/SB 654](#) Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties ([RSC-4](#)) passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg. 3/28 JUD

[HB 1001/SB 1015](#) Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Limitations ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable

ble reports, JUD and JPR withdrawn

[SB 1119](#) Correctional Services - Inmates - Labor ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable reports, JPR and JUD withdrawn

[SB 853](#)/HB 860 Transitional Support for Ex-Offenders - Repeal of Restrictions (Maryland Equal Access to Food Act of 2017) ([RSC-4](#)) Passed Senate 31 - 15; passed House with amendments 83 - 52; Hrg. 3/29 FIN; to HRU

[HB 255](#)/SB 349 Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault - Victims' Rights - Disposal of Rape Kit Evidence and Notification ([RSC-4](#)) Passed House with amendments 139 - 0; passed Senate with amendments 47 - 0; Hrg 3/28 JUD; to JPR

[HB 734](#)/SB 1209 Sexual Assault Victims Resource Act of 2017 ([RSC-4](#)) Passed House with amendments 136 - 0; to SRU

[HB 1076](#) Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits - Analysis ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable report JUD

[HB 1141](#)/SB 1094 Criminal Procedure - Statewide Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit Tracking System Requirements ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable reports JUD and JPR, withdrawn

Marlene Cohn

EDUCATION

[HB 1486](#) Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs - Research-Based Reading Instruction (Stein) requires the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board (PSTEB), by January 1, 2019, to require certain teachers to pass a test on research-based reading instruction. It would apply to teachers applying for a certificate to teach students with disabilities, to be a reading specialist or reading teacher or to teach kindergarten to fifth grade. Referred to interim study by W&M.

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

Accountability and Curriculum

[HB 1502](#) Task Force to Expand Dual Language Programs in Maryland ([RSC-3](#)). Unfavorable by W&M.

[SB 452](#) Education - Accountability Program - Assessments (More Learning, Less Testing Act of 2017) ([RSC-2](#), [4](#)) Passed Senate with amendments. Hrg 3/21 W&M

[SB 618](#) Education - Achievement School District – Establishment ([RSC-2](#), [3](#)). Unfavorable report by EHEA.

[SB 871](#)/HB 978 Education - Accountability - Consolidated State Plan and Support and Improvement Plans (Protect Our Schools Act of 2017 ([RSC-3](#), [4](#))). Special ordered for vote in Senate 3/27.

[SB 908](#) Maryland Education Development Collaborative – Established ([RSC-3](#)) Passed Senate.

Funding

[HB 151](#)/SB 171 Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2017, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 (RSC-1) Funding for the Supplemental Capital Grant Program for Local School Systems was increased from \$40 million to \$60 million. This program provides funds to local school systems with enrollment growth that over the last 5 years exceeds 150% of the statewide average or with 300 or more relocatable classrooms. Passed third reading in Senate with amendments.

[SB 581](#)/HB 516 Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds ([RSC-2](#) , [3](#), [4](#)). [SB 581](#) passed Senate. Hrg 3/21 W&M; [HB 516](#) passed both houses.

Health and Food

[HB 270](#) Environment - Testing for Lead in Drinking Water - Public and Nonpublic Schools ([RSC-2](#)) passed House with amendments. Hrg 4/5 EHEA

[SB 360](#) State Department of Education - Breakfast and Lunch Programs - Funding (The Maryland Cares for Kids Act) ([RSC-2](#)) passed Senate. Hrg 3/21 W&M

[SB 657](#) Public Schools - Wellness Policy - School Meals ([RSC-2](#), [3](#)) Unfavorable by EHEA

[SB 1161](#) Education - Summer Meals Expansion Grant Program – Established ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/16 EHEA

Discipline

[HB 1287](#) Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices ([RSC-3](#)) passed House. Hrg 3/29 EHEA

[SB 651](#)/HB 425 Public Schools - Suspensions and Expulsions ([RSC-2](#), [3](#)) [SB 651](#) passed Senate, HRU; [HB 425](#) passed House, EHEA.

Aid to Private Schools

[SB 170](#)/HB 150 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2018) (RSC-1, [3](#)) The Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Program that provides scholarships to low income students to attend nonpublic schools was amended by the Appropriations Committee to reduce funding from \$6,850,000 to \$2,055,904. Scholarships would be limited to former public school students who received scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. The bill now goes to a Conference Committee.

[SB 825](#) Education - Nonpublic Schools - Programs for Students With Special Needs ([RSC-3](#), [4](#)) Unfavorable by EHEA.

Lois Hybl

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Updates on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 118](#) Election Law - Persons Doing Public Business - Reporting by Governmental Entities

([RSC 1](#)) passed the House 138-0. It was assigned to the Senate EHEA committee, but no hearing has been scheduled.

[SB 130 Election Law - Ballot Issues - Contributions or Donations by Foreign Principals](#) ([RSC 1](#)) passed in the Senate 46-0 and was heard in the House Ways and Means Committee on March 23rd. No action has been taken in the House.

[HB 898 Election Law – Campaign Finance – Coordinated Expenditures](#) ([RSC 3](#)), passed the House 87-46 and will be heard by the Senate EHEA committee on March 30.

[HB 1498 Campaign Finance – Political Organizations – Disclosure](#) ([RSC-3](#)) passed the House 89-50 and will be heard by the Senate EHEA committee on March 30.

Nancy Soreng

TAXES

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[SB 317 More Jobs for Marylanders Act of 2017](#) in the Senate Laid Over. Favorable with Amendments B&T

Barbara Hankins

ELECTIONS

[HB 1626 Election Law – Early Voting – Registered Voter Updating Voter’s Address on an Existing Registration](#) passed the House. This bill allows a registered voter to update the voter’s address during early voting without having to show proof of residency. Hrg 3/30 EHEA

[HB 353 Election Law – Change in Administrative Policy Affecting Voting Rights – Notice](#) (Rosenberg and Leudtke) requires a local election board or the State Election Board to provide public notice of a meeting at which an administrative policy affecting voting rights will be considered, and public notice that such an administrative policy change was adopted. An administrative policy means any action relating to voter registration, provisional voting, absentee voting, or the location of a polling place or early voting center. The amended bill passed the House (139-0). Hrg 3/30

Updates on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 169 State Board of Elections – Open Meetings – Audio Recordings and Documents](#) ([RSC-1](#)) passed the House 137-0. The cross-filed [SB 91](#) had a hearing at HEA on 1/19/17 and is awaiting action in that Committee.

[SB 58 Election Law – Election Observers](#) ([RSC-1](#)) received an unfavorable report by Senate EHEA and was withdrawn by sponsor.

[SB 64 Voter Registration – Affiliation with a Party](#) ([RSC-1](#)) received an unfavorable report by Senate EHEA and was withdrawn by the sponsor. The bill would have allowed unaffiliated voters to change their registration to affiliate with a party during the early voting period.

[SB 423 Elective Franchise – Registration and Voting at Polling Place](#) ([RSC-2](#)) would put on the

2018 ballot a Constitutional Amendment to allow for Election Day registration, passed the Senate (32-13); a hearing was held on 3/23/17 in House W&M.

Lu Pierson

REDISTRICTING REFORM

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[SB 252](#)/HB 385 Redistricting Reform Act of 2017 (President/Speaker by request of Administration) ([RSC-1](#)) would have created an independent commission to draw district lines, and would have refined the standards by which those lines would be drawn. Unfavorable report by HRU. No action by EHEA.

[SB 1023](#) Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission – Mid-Atlantic States Region (Zucker, et. al) (RSC-4) proposes to reform redistricting only when 5 other states in the mid-Atlantic region reform their redistricting processes. Amendments to the bill include: increasing the size of the commission from five to nine members, adjusting the rules for who can be appointed as commission members, provisions for removal from the commission, rules regarding open meetings compliance, and adjustments to district standards. Passed out of the Senate EHEA committee with amendments. Hrg 3/30 HRU

Ashley Oleson

TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

[HB 880](#)/SB 450 Open Meetings Act – Required Training for Members of Public Bodies

(Morales/Manno) For over two decades, public bodies have been required by law to hold meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (OMA) but have not consistently met these requirements. These bills originally sought to make clear the requirements of the OMA through required training for at least one member of each public body, and to require that the Open Meetings Compliance Board document in reports those public bodies that fail to comply with the law, and those provisions of the law with which they fail to comply. Instead, the House and Senate committees have directed that certain educational organizations and public interest groups collaborate to determine the cost and benefits to the state of providing educational materials on the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, a list of individuals trained in the Act, violations of the Act by public bodies, etc. The emphasis remains on training certain members of public bodies in the requirements of the Act, and tracking violations of the Act for possible future improvements through legislation. Only weak penalties are imposed for multiple violations of the Act. Passed the House unanimously on 3/15/2017 and the Senate without opposition on 3/16/2017. EHEA; Hrg 3/29 HGO

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 169](#)/SB 91 State Board of Elections – Open Meetings – Video Streaming and Recording (State Board of Elections Transparency Act) ([RSC-3](#)) was amended in HGO to provide only for audio recordings of State Board of Elections meetings, with a copy of documents and handouts submitted in a meeting provided, including documents submitted by the public. Where the original bill called for recordings to be held for 4 years, there is now no requirement for the length of time recordings and copies must be held. This amended bill passed the House 137-0 on 3/15/2017. The cross-file bill SB 91 was heard in EHEA on 1/19/2017 with no further action.

[HB 698/SB 362](#) – Public Information Act – Records Relating to Alleged Job-Related Misconduct by Law Enforcement Officers ([RSC-3](#)) The House Judiciary Committee took an unfavorable vote on this bill on 3/10/2017. Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee voted unanimously to issue an unfavorable report on this bill on 3/16/2017.

Barbara Schnackenberg

ENVIRONMENT: RENEWABLE ENERGY

[SB 966/HB 1002](#) - Electric Universal Service Program – Unexpended Funds (Klausmeier plus 8/Davis) requires the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to expend any excess and unexpended bill assistance that was collected from fiscal 2010 through 2017 beginning in fiscal 2019. The Public Service Commission's oversight responsibility of the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) is expanded to include any funds expended under the program. Favorable FIN (47-0). Hrg 2/23 ECM

[SB 931/HB1592](#) - Local Jurisdictions – Zoning Authority – Generating Stations (Astle plus 1/ Jameson plus 3) authorizes local jurisdictions to adopt zoning regulations for siting of energy generating stations, including review and comment by the Public Service Commission. Hrg 3/14 FIN

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[SB 980/HB 1461](#) Environment – Natural Gas and Oil Interest Restitution Fund ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable EHEA

[SB 1043/HB 1452](#) – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard Requirements – Standard Offer Service ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/21 FIN; Hrg 3/2 ECM

[SB 1146/HB 1414](#) – Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Study ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/21 FIN; Favorable ECM (18-4)

[SB 1158](#) Power Plant Research Program – Solar Generation Facilities – Pollinator-Friendly Designation ([RSC-4](#)) Favorable FIN

[HB 867](#) Natural Resources - State-Owned Land - Wind Facilities ([RSC-3](#)) Hrg 3/1 ET

[HB 410/SB 313](#) Economic Development – Maryland Energy Innovation Institute ([RSC-3](#)) Favorable House (123-11), Favorable Senate (47-0)

[HB 110](#) Electric Vehicles and Recharging Equipment Rebates and Taxes Extension ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable ET

[SB 184/HB 514](#) Energy Efficiency Programs - Calculation of Program Savings and Consideration of Cost Effectiveness ([RSC-1](#)) Favorable House (92-46), Favorable Senate (32-14).

[SB 921/HB 1106](#) Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2016 ([RSC-2](#)) Passed (Veto Override)

[SB 315/HB 406](#) Clean Cars Act of 2017 ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 2/14 FIN; Favorable House (123-11)

[SB 393](#) Electric Vehicle Excise Tax Credit – Extension (RSC-2) Favorable B&T

[SB 715](#)/HB 773 Clean Energy Storage Technology (RSC-2) Hrg 3/07 FIN; Favorable House (107-34)

[SB 758](#)/HB 490 Income Tax Credit – Energy Storage Systems (RSC-2) Hrg 2/23 W&M, Favorable Senate (46-0)

Betsy Singer

ENVIRONMENT: HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Update on bills previously reported in the RSC:

[HB 1325/SB 740](#) Oil and Natural Gas - Hydraulic Fracturing - Prohibition (RSC-4) Passed House 97-40 3/10; Passed Senate 35-10 3/27 Governor Hogan has pledged to sign.

[SB 862](#) Environment - Hydraulic Fracturing - Moratorium and Referenda (RSC-4) Hrg 2/28 EHEA

Shari Glenn

ENVIRONMENT: STORMWATER, BAY, PHOSPHORUS, PESTICIDES, RECYCLING, TREES, & OTHER:

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 66](#) Environment - Lead and Mercury Wheel Weights – Prohibited (Lam) (RSC-1) (RSC-4) Passed House; Hrg 3/21 EHEA

[HB 107](#) Department of Housing and Community Development - Funding for Newly Constructed Single-Family Homes (RSC-1) (ET chair, for Governor and Department of Housing and Community Development). No movement since late January hearing.

[HB 121](#) Environment - Hazardous Material Security – Repeal (Chair, ET, for governor, MDE) (RSC-1) Passed House; Hrg 3/23 EHEA

[HB 124](#) Environment - Solid Waste and Recycling Facilities (chair, ET for governor and Department of Environment) (RSC-1) (RSC-4) passed House; Hrg 3/23 EHEA

[HB 125](#) Environment- Emergency Action Plans for Dams (chair, ET, for governor, MDE) (RSC-1) (RSC-4) Passed House; Hrg 3/23 EHEA

[HB 155](#) Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easement Termination (chair, ET for Governor and Department of Agriculture) (RSC-1) (RSC-4). Passed House; Hrg 3/23 EHEA

[HB 171/SB 99](#) Department of the Environment - Yard Waste and Food Residuals Diversion and Infrastructure – Study (Robinson plus 14; Middleton) (RSC-1) (RSC-4) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 206](#) Public Health - Child Care Products Containing Flame-Retardant Chemicals – Prohibition (Angel plus 9) (RSC-1) No movement on this bill.

[HB 229/SB 186 Environment - Polystyrene Food Service Products and Polystyrene Loose Fill Packaging - Prohibition on Sale](#) (Lierman plus 16/Kagan plus 19) ([RSC-1](#)) No movement on these bills.

[HB 270 Environment - Testing for Lead in Drinking Water - Public and Nonpublic Schools](#) (Lafferty et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) See Education section of this report for details. Hrg 4/5 EHEA

[HB 281/SB 266 Environment - On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Best Available Technology for Nitrogen Removal – Prohibition](#) (Lafferty plus 12; Conway et al.) ([RSC-1](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) Senate bill has moved to House. No action on House bill.

[HB 384/SB 343 Bay Restoration Fund - Eligible Costs - Expansion](#) (Adams et al./Eckardt et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) HB 384 with amendments in second reading. Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 417/SB 314 Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017](#) (Speaker of House et al./President of Senate et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 477/SB 396 Natural Resources - Protection and Restoration of State-Owned Lakes](#) (Beitzel/Edwards) ([RSC-3](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 504/SB 713 Products That Contain Mercury - Prohibition on Sale of Electric Switches, Electric Relays, and Gas Valve Switches](#) (B. Robinson et al./Young et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 537 Environment – On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems and Funding for Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Sewerage Systems](#) (Parrott et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) . No movement on this bill.

[HB 557/SB 440 Environment - Water Management - Sediment Control at Large Redevelopment Sites](#) (Stein et al.; Conway & Salling) ([RSC-2](#), [3](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 602/SB 422 Keep Antibiotics Effective Act of 2017](#) (S. Robinson et al./Pinsky et al.) ([RSC-2](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 617/SB 29 Natural Resources - Forest Conservation Act - Forest Conservation Thresholds and Reforestation Requirements](#) (Pinsky /Healey et al.) ([RSC-2](#), [RSC-4](#)) Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 656/ SB 472 Environment - Municipal Stormwater Charges - Property Subject to Charges](#) (Barve et al/Young et al.) ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House; in EHEA and B&T in Senate.

[HB 674/SB 168 Maryland Paint Stewardship Program](#) (Conway) ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable ET report - withdrawn. No movement in Senate.

[HB 779/SB 719 Conserving Working Waterfront Farms Act of 2017](#) (Mautz et al./Eckhardt) ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable reports by both ET and EHEA.

[HB 830/SB 386](#) Pollinator Habitat Plans - Plan Contents - Requirement and Prohibition

(Healey & Frush/Nation-Pulliam et al ([RSC-1](#), [RSC-2](#), [RSC-4](#)). Each bill has crossed over to the other House.

[HB 885](#) Environment - Chesapeake Bay - Vessel Sewage Discharge Areas (Howard et al.) No movement since late February hearing. ([RSC-3](#))

[HB 886/SB 890](#) Environment - Refuse Disposal Systems - Public Notice and Hearing Requirements (Pena-Melnyk et al./Rosapepe). ([RSC-3](#)) No movement since late February hearings.

[HB 924](#) Natural Resources - Oyster Management - Prohibited Actions (Gilchrist et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) Now in the Senate, special order until 3/27 (Conway) adopted.

[HB 1063](#) Agriculture - Maryland Healthy Soils Program (Stein et al.) ([RSC-3](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/28 EHEA

[HB 1070](#) Department of the Environment - End-of-Life Management of Mattresses – Study (Hill et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) ET unfavorable report – withdrawn.

[HB 1118](#) Natural Resources - Roadside Trees - Preservation and Protection (Lafferty) ([RSC-4](#)) ET report – favorable with amendments.

[HB 1204/SB 932](#) Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Atrazine Study (Hill et al./Smith et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) ET unfavorable report – withdrawn. No Senate action after 3/9 hearing.

[HB 1352](#) On-Site Sewage Disposal - Historic and Culturally Significant Properties – Regulations (Rose et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) No further action after 3/1 hearing.

[HB 1355](#) Sewerage Systems - Residential Major Subdivisions in Tier III and Tier IV Areas (Rose et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) ET unfavorable report.

[HB 1488](#) Tidal Fish Licenses - Oyster Authorizations – Revocation (Mautz et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) ET unfavorable report – withdrawn.

[SB 108](#) Property Tax Credit - Erosion Control Measures - Nonstructural Shoreline Stabilization (Simonaire). ([RSC-1](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg in House 3/23

[SB 280/HB 1239](#) Environment - Nonwoven Disposable Products - Advertising and Labeling (Guzzone and Middleton/ Frush and Gutierrez) ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 2/14 EHEA; Hrg 3/15 ECM. Referred to interim study by ECM in House.

[SB 773](#) Community Healthy Air Act (Madeleno et al.). ([RSC-3](#)) Hrg 2/28 EHEA. No further movement to date.

Linda Silversmith

ETHICS**Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:**

[SB 253](#)/HB 438 Legislative Transparency Act of 2017 (President/Speaker, by request - Administration) ([RSC-4](#)) No action.

[SB 683](#)/HB 879 – Public Integrity Act – 2017 (President/Speaker, by request - Administration) ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/03 1pm EHEA; 3rd reading passed with amendments.

[HB 370](#)/SB 354 Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer End-of-Life Option Act (Pendergrass plus 42/Guzzone plus13) ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 2/16, 1pm HGO; Unfavorable report by JP; withdrawn.

[HB 1006](#) Elections - Public Official in Executive Unit –Elected Public Office (McDonough) Unfavorable report by W&M; withdrawn.

Betsy Sexton

TRANSPORTATION

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 119](#) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Washington Metrorail Safety Commission – Establishment of Compact ([RSC 2](#), [RSC 4](#)) crossed to Senate, passed on third reading

[HB 271](#)/SB484 Maryland Transit Administration – Farebox Recovery, Goals, and Performance Indicators ([RSC 2](#), [RSC 4](#)) passed Senate on second reading

[HB 285](#)/SB265 Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Membership Act ([RSC 2](#), [RSC 4](#)) Hrg 3/29 FIN

[HB 578](#)/SB338 Vehicle Laws – Pedestrian Hybrid Signals ([RSC 2](#)) passed House on third reading including amendments, crossed to Senate Hrg 3/17 JP

[SB 307](#)/HB 402 Repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 (Road Kill Bill Repeal) ([RSC 2](#), [RSC3](#)) passed Senate including amendments on third reading, crossed to House. Hrg 3/23 APP

[SB 337](#)/HB 527 Vehicle Laws – Bicycles and Pedestrians – Use of Crosswalks ([RSC 2](#)) Unfavorable Senate and House

Bee Ditzler

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[HB 395](#)/SB 293 Child Care Subsidy Program – Alternative Methodology – Report ([RSC-2](#)) HB 395 passed in House, passed 2nd reading in Senate; SB 293 passed in Senate, passed 2nd reading in House

[HB 418](#)/SB 294 Child Care Subsidy Program – Reimbursement Rate Adjustments ([RSC-2](#)) HB 418 passed in House, passed 2nd reading in Senate; SB 294 passed Senate, passed 2nd reading in House

[HB 428/SB 574](#) Family Law - Child Conceived Without Consent – Termination of Parental Rights (Rape Survivor’s Family Protection Act) ([RSC-2](#)) HB 428 passed in House, JPR; SB 574 passed in Senate, Hrg 3/30 JUD

[HB 456](#) Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – Dispute Resolution Process – Regulations ([RSC-2](#)) passed in House, EHEA

[HB 632/SB 308](#) Child Abuse – Sex Trafficking (Protecting Victims of Sex Trafficking Act of 2017) ([RSC-2](#)) HB 632 passed in House, JPR; SB 308 passed in Senate, Hrd 3/23 JUD

[HB 636/SB 10](#) Child Care Custody and Visitation – Deployed Parents ([RSC-1](#)) JUD and JPR Unfavorable report

[HB 799](#) Family Law – Marriage – Age Requirements ([RSC-3](#)) passed in House, JPR

[SB 135](#) Crimes – Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report ([RSC-1](#)) passed 2nd reading in Senate

Judy Morenoff

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Update on bills previously reported:

[HB 721/SB 674](#) Juvenile Services- Services & Programs For Females ([RSC-2](#)) HB 721 passed in House, JPR; SB 674 passed with amendments which seem to limit the additional services to be provided for females (and the potential cost).

[HB 1255/SB 981](#) Juveniles – Mechanical Restraints ([RSC-3](#)) JUD and JPR Unfavorable report.

[HB 1256/SB 982](#) Juveniles – Strip Searches – Limitations ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1256 passed in House, JPR; SB 982 passed in Senate, Hrg 3/30 JUD

[SB 35](#) Juvenile Law – Informal Adjustment – Mental Health Program ([RSC-1](#)) passed in Senate; Hrg 3/23 JUD

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MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[SB 230](#) Maryland Health Working Families passed in the Senate with a veto proof majority – 29-18 and had a first reading in ECM.

[HB 172](#) HOME Act of 2017 passed in the House 88-63, a veto proof majority and had a first reading in JPR.

[HB 317](#) Wages and Benefits – Preemption of Local Authority received an unfavorable report from ECM.

*Ruth Crystal***GUN CONTROL****Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:**

HB 59 Public Safety - Assault Weapons – Replacements ([RSC-1](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 318/SB 467 Public Safety - Firearms Disqualifications - Antique Firearm ([RSC-2](#))
Hrg 3/14, JUD

HB 339 Public Safety - Handgun Permits - Correctional Officer([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 611 Handguns - School Employees - Handgun Permits and Carrying Weapons on School Property ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 663/SB 511 Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 820 Handgun Permits - Universal Recognition ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 821 Firearms - Permit to Wear, Carry, or Transport a Handgun - Expiration and Renewal ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 877/SB 23 Handgun Permits - Alternative Expiration Date - Private Detectives, Security Guards, and Special Police Officers ([RSC – 3](#)) Second Reading Passed with Amendments JUD, Hrg 3/28 JPR

HB 891 Handgun Permits - Firearms Training Courses ([RSC – 3](#)) Favorable Report by JUD

HB 905 Public Safety - Handgun Qualification License - Application Fee ([RSC – 3](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

HB 1036 Firearms - Handgun Permit - Preliminary Approval ([RSC-3](#)) Third Reading Passed JUD, Hrg 3/28 JPR

HB 1108 Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Disqualifying Crime ([RSC – 3](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

SB 16/HB 162 Public Safety - Firearm Application ([RSC-1](#)) Hrg 3/28 JPR

SB 23/HB 877 Handgun Permits - Alternative Expiration Date - Private Detectives, Security Guards, and Special Police Officers ([RSC-1](#)) Favorable with Amendments Report, JPR

SB 224/HB 294 Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Definition of Convicted of a Disqualifying Crime ([RSC-2](#)) Second Reading Passed with Amendments, JPR, Hrg 3/30 JUD

SB 245 Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/8 JPR

SB 511/HB 663 Public Safety - Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifica-

tions ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/8 JPR

[SB 826/HB 1396](#) Wearing, Carrying, or Transporting a Handgun - Penalties - Subsequent Offenders ([RSC – 3](#)) Hrg 3/8 JPR

[SB 946](#) Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones ([RSC – 3](#)) 2nd reading passed with amendments

Doreen Rosenthal

HEALTH

The Governor put forth a package of bills dealing with the Opioid crisis in the state. The Senate has rewritten one of the bills: [SB 539](#), **Distribution of Controlled Dangerous Substances – Fentanyl** (Miller). The Senate passed the bill with significant changes, primarily reducing the number of years from 30 to 10 that can be added to a sentence for distribution. Hrg 3/28 JUD

[SB 1060/HB 1082](#) Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017- (**Start Talking Maryland Act**) (Miller and Bromwell) Is also an Administration bill, and adds money to the budget for drug educational programs at the local level in the courts, hospitals and schools. Reported favorably with amendments by EHEA 3/27. No action in the House.

[SB 967/HB 1329](#) Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017 (Klausmeier and Bromwell) is another Administration bill that increases higher education opportunities for treatment courses and sets requirements for additional treatment centers. It also sets requirements for hospitals to have a certain number of treatment providers. Hrg FIN & EHEA 3/8; Hrg 3/7 HGO

Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:

[SB 82/HB180](#), **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Renaming** (Middleton/Morhaim) ([RSC-1](#)) passed the Senate and House with amendments, will probably go to Conference.

[SB 38](#) **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Updating Advisory Boards and Councils**, (Middleton) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed the Senate. Passed the House with amendments and will probably go to Conference.

[SB 110](#) **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy – Pharmacist Dispensing** (Conway) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed the Senate, moved to House and has passed second reader.

[SB 169](#) **Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Cost of Emergency Room Visits to Treat Dental Conditions** (Middleton & Kasemeyer) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed Senate Hrg 3/23 HGO

[SB 363/HB 613](#) **Pharmacists – Contraceptives – Prescribing and Dispensing** (Conway/Hettleman) ([RSC-2](#)) Hrgs EHEA 2/10; HGO 2/1 Passed the Senate with amendments Hrg SRU 3/21. Passed the House with amendments Hrg EHEA 3/17. It is likely to go to Conference.

[HB 185](#) **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Distribution of Tobacco Products To Minors – Prohibition and Enforcement** (Rosenberg & Waldstreicher) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed the House. Hrg 3/29 FIN

Neilson Andrews

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

[HB 258/SB 221](#) **Adult Entertainment Establishments – National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline Information – Sign Posting Requirements** (Morales, et al./Lee plus 5) ([RSC-2](#)) passed the House and the Senate.

[SB 220/HB 1279](#) **Police Training Commission – Training Requirements – Human Trafficking** (Morales, et al./Lee plus 5) ([RSC-3](#)) passed the Senate.
Hrg 3/30 JUD

Deborah Mitchell

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

[HB 293/SB 274](#) **Family Law - Divorce - Domestic Violence Order** (Dumais, et al./Ramirez) repeals a provision providing that an order or a decision in a domestic violence proceeding is inadmissible as evidence in a divorce proceeding. Repeals a provision prohibiting a court from considering compliance with a domestic violence order as grounds for granting a decree of limited or absolute divorce. Hrg 3/30 JUD

[HB 803/SB 900](#) **Domestic Violence - Education and Definition of Abuse** (Angel, et al./Peters, et al.) requires the State Board of Education to encourage county boards of education to incorporate age-appropriate lessons on domestic violence into a specified curriculum. Alters the definition of "abuse" for purposes of specified provisions of law relating to domestic violence to include harassment and malicious destruction of property; and defining harassment and malicious destruction of property. Unfavorable report JUD; Hrg 2/23 JUD; EHEA

[HB 1297](#) **Domestic Violence – Petitioner – Attorney for Child** (Valentino-Smith, et al.) expands the list of "petitioners" under the domestic violence statutes who may seek relief from abuse on behalf of a minor child to include an attorney appointed by the court in specified family law actions to represent the minor child. Passed JUD; Hrg 3/29 JPR

Sandra Raviv

DRUG ABUSE

[HB1093/SB0433](#) **Substance Use Treatment -- Inpatient and Intensive Outpatient Program -- Consent by Minor** (Young plus 26/Klausmeier plus 16) authorizes parents or specified guardians to apply, on behalf of a minor for admission of minor to a certified intensive outpatient alcohol and drug abuse program. It also requires programs to make note in order for individual to be retained for specified treatment, provided specified programs have the right to discharge an individual if not complying with policies and procedures. Passed Senate 2/23; favorable report HGO 3/31

Chris Hager