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BUDGET

As expected, the Board of Revenue Estimate on March 7 voted to decrease the revenue projections for the State of Maryland for Fiscal Year 2019 by \$138 million and for Fiscal Year 2020 by \$130.5 million. The Board suggested that much of the reason for the reductions is taxpayer uncertainty in the wake of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. It becomes more difficult to project fluctuations in the state income tax because of the effects of the Federal law. At about the same time, the governor issued a supplemental budget which, instead of being a separate bill was incorporated into [HB 100](#) the **Budget Bill**. The supplement proposed to increase the general fund balance with savings in the Medicaid program. It also proposed a number of relatively inexpensive programs. On March 14, the House advanced its \$46.7 billion budget to the Senate. The budget allocates \$500 million for school construction, \$320 million of the \$325 million request to begin funding the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission and a \$109.5 million increase for public higher education. It also includes a 3% general salary increase for state workers (5% for law enforcement officers) effective July 1, 2019, Major issues included the BOOST program which provides private school vouchers to low income children – the governor requested an increase to \$10 million, After much discussion, the committee included \$5.5 million. The committee also voted to restrict \$300,000 for the Maryland Department of Transportation until an Environmental Impact report is completed and diverted \$16.5 million from the Maryland Technology Development Fund to Baltimore City, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and the Prince George's and Baltimore City's state's attorneys' offices. The funding for Baltimore City is to meet a federal mandate.

In addition to passing the Budget Bill, the House passed [HB 1407](#) **Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2019 (BRFA)** in order to deal with the change in the revenue forecast. The effect over the current and next year's general fund would be a \$146.9 million reduction. Reductions range from Medicaid because of favorable expenditures to date; adjusting the estimate used for non-withholding income tax revenues; diversion of the funding retained from the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to Medicaid and reduction of funding for two contracts for the Development Disabilities Administration.

On March 21, the Senate unanimously approved the budget recommended by the Senate Budget Taxation Committee. The Senate budget provides \$225 million for the Kirwan recommendations as opposed to the House bill which contains \$320 million. Kirwan requested \$1.1 billion over the next two years. The Senate budget would allow for \$570.5 million over the next two if lawmakers pass a bill to collect sales tax on online retailers ([HB 1301/SB 728](#) see Taxes below). The Senate bill includes \$300,000 for the tip line which was eliminated in the House Version and maintains funding for the BOOST program, The Promise Plus scholarship program was also eliminated. The bill also cuts \$1 million from the University System of Maryland's administrative budget and restricted another \$200,000 until the legislature receives a report on the Chancellor's outside income.

The House and Senate versions of the budget now goes to conference committee. It must be reported out by the 83rd day of the Session. It does not need to be signed by the Governor after enactment by both Houses. If the budget is not agreed to by both houses by day 90, the Governor must call a Special Session.

On March 25, the conference committee settled on a \$46 billion plus spending plan to present to their colleagues. The major difference between the House and Senate versions is initial funding for the Kirwan Commission. The committee settled on \$255 million for the upcoming year and \$355.5 million for FY2021. The total is far below the original Kirwan request for \$1 billion for the first two years. The conference committee agreed on a lesser cut in the appropriation for the the University System's administration to the amount of the chancellor's salary and restricted an additional \$200,000 until the legislature receives a report of the Chancellor's sources and amounts of outside income. The compromise budget will also include \$7.5 million for the BOOST program along with "more robust" claw-back provisions for schools found to discriminate in student admissions. \$300,000 in funding was also restored for the Maryland School Safety program. This would allow people to anonymously report threats to schools as well as other concerns with the school system. While the 3% salary increase for unionized workers was retained, non-unionized workers will only receive a 2% increase.

Barbara Hankins

TAXES

[HB 1301/SB 728 Sales & Use Tax – Collections by Marketplace Facilitators](#) (Walker) would allow for sales tax collections by online "marketplace facilitators" (e.g. Amazon) effective 7/1/19. Fiscal analysis does not indicate how much would be collected. Hrgs 3/12 W&M; 2/27 B&T

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 175 Maryland Research and Development Tax Credit – Sunset Extension.](#)
Favorable with amendments by W&M

[HB 946 Maryland Estate Tax – Unified Credit](#) Unfavorable report by W&M

[HB 1178 Department of Housing and Community Development – Social Housing Act of 2019](#) Unfavorable Report by ET. Withdrawn

[SB 170 Retirement Tax Fairness Act of 2019](#) Unfavorable report by B&T

[SB 875 Income Tax-Subtraction Modification](#) Unfavorable report by B&T

Barbara Hankins

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

Bills that passed one or both chambers:

[HB 878](#) Election Law - Campaign Finance Reports - Late Fees and Certificates of Nomination ([RSC-3](#)) passed the House and is now before EHEA.

[SB 123](#)/[HB 1025](#) Election Law - Coordinated Expenditures and Donations – Investigation ([RSC-1](#)) Passed in both the House and Senate and have both been referred to the other chamber's committee that handles campaign finance legislation (EHEA and W&M).

[SB 226](#) Election Law - Campaign Finance Violations - Injunctive Relief ([RSC-2](#)) passed the Senate and is now before W&M.

[SB 535](#) Election Law - Local Public Campaign Financing - Boards of Education (Cross-file [HB 147](#) reported on in [RSC-2](#)) passed the Senate and is now before W&M.

Nancy Soreng

CENSUS

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 320](#)/[SB 455](#) 2020 Census Complete Count Commission ([RSC-2](#)) was withdrawn because, on February 15th, the Governor issued an Executive Order creating the Maryland Complete Count Committee.

Nancy Soreng

ELECTIONS

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

Bills that passed one or both chambers:

[SB 230](#) Election Law - Canvassing of Absentee Ballots - Reporting Unofficial Results ([RSC-2](#)). Passed the Senate. Hrg 3/19 W&M

[SB 364](#) Election Law - Election Day Page Program – Establishment ([RSC-3](#)) Passed the Senate. Hrg 3/26 W&M

[HB 252](#) Election Law – Correctional Facilities – Voting Coordinators ([RSC-2](#)) Passed the House, **[SB 936](#)**, the Senate version of the bill, has been shelved. Hrgs 3/14 EHEA & JPR

[SB 449](#) Election Law - Election Day Voter Registration ([RSC-3](#)). Passed both chambers.

[HB 286](#) Election Law - Registration and Voting at Precinct Polling Places ([RSC-2](#)) Passed both chambers.

Both bills passed their respective chambers with some amendments:

[SB 343](#)/HB 269 Election Law - Voting by Absentee Ballot - Prepaid Postage for the Return of Ballots** ([RSC-2](#)) HB 269 died in committee. SB 343 Passed the Senate. Hrg. 3/26 W&M**

Bills which got an unfavorable committee report:

[SB 385](#) Election Law - Primary Elections - Voting by Unaffiliated Voters ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 423](#)/SB 934 Election Law – Voter Registration Drive – High Schools** ([RSC-2](#))
Passed the House with amendments; received unfavorable report by EHEA**

Bills that died in committee:

[SB 489](#)/HB 530** Ballot Access - Voter Registration - Affiliating With a Party** ([RSC-3](#))

[HB 85](#)/SB 313** General Assembly - Special Election to Fill a Vacancy in Office**
([RSC-2](#))

[HB 119](#) Election Law - Permanent Absentee Ballot List ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 237](#) Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Hours of Operation ([RSC-2](#))

[SB 304](#)/HB 996** Election Law - Absentee Ballot Deposit Boxes** ([RSC-3](#))

Dona Sauerburger

REDISTRICTING REFORM

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 43](#) Elections - Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment - Commission and Process Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-1](#))

[HB 44](#) Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment
Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-1](#))

[HB 67](#) Potomac Compact for Fair Representation Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 463](#) Congressional Districts – Standards Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-1](#));

[HB 724](#) Legislative Districts - Single-Member Delegate Districts (One Person One Vote Act of 2019) (Buckel et al.) Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-3](#))

[HB 1048](#) Legislative Districts – Standards (Malone plus three) Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-3](#))

HJ 03 Redistricting – Congressional Districts – Standards (Parrott plus three)
Unfavorable report. HRU ([RSC-3](#))

Maryland's redistricting reform case, [Benisek v. Lamone](#), was heard at the Supreme Court of the United States on March 26, 2019 ([RSC-1](#)), alongside consolidated redistricting cases out of North Carolina, *League of Women Voters v. Rucho* and [Common Cause v. Rucho](#). In the Maryland case, the Court is considering an alleged First Amendment violation where plaintiffs asserted that their representational rights had been violated by a redistricting process aimed at mitigating the value of their votes because of their political affiliation. The plaintiffs in the North Carolina cases assert that their rights under the Equal Protection Clause of the First Amendment had been violated, as the partisan gerrymandering of their 2016 map prevented the government from maintaining neutrality when distributing political representation power. The justices have from now until near the end of June to issue opinions in the cases. The question on the minds of most is whether the Court will rule narrowly on the issues of each case, or if they will choose to set a standard for the nation about partisan gerrymandering. It is not immediately apparent from the oral arguments which way the Court may be leaning.

[Lamone v. Benisek Transcript](#); [Rucho v. Common Cause Transcript](#)

Meanwhile the in November 2018, the Governor formed the [Emergency Commission on Sixth District Gerrymandering](#) in response to the lower court ruling in *Benisek* which declared Congressional District Six to be a partisan gerrymander in violation of the First Amendment and which ordered the district to be redrawn ([RSC-1](#)). Since the appeal, the order to redraw District 6 has been stayed until July, but the Commission has continued to carry out its work. After holding 5 public comment meetings since January, the Commission voted on March 27, 2019 to adopt [a map](#) proposed by a member of the public. The Commission's map was selected based on the criteria put forth in the District Court [judgment](#) and the Governor's [Executive Order](#), which included disregard for voter registration, party affiliation, and voting history. The Commission will submit its map and a report on its work to the Governor by April 2, 2019, when it expected to be introduced to the General Assembly as emergency legislation just short of a week from sine die.

Ashley Oleson

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Sentencing

SB 999/HB 1377 Criminal Law - Assault - Pregnancy(Laura and Reid's Law II)
(Ready plus four/Kittleman) A person who intentionally causes physical injury to a pregnant woman and who knows or has reason to know that the woman is pregnant is guilty of felony assault. Upon conviction, that person is subject to up to 10 years imprisonment or a maximum \$ 5,000 fine or both. SRU; HRU

Police Accountability

[SB 1037](#)/HB 1011 Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission - Uniform Citizen Complaint Process (Anton's Law) (Carter/Acevero plus 32) requires that a person making a complaint against a police officer be provided with the investigatory file related to the complaint and copies of any prior complaints against that police officer. Named after a 19 year old resident of Greensboro, Maryland who died while in police custody. The officer in charge, who was found not guilty of second degree assault charges had been indicted on similar charges while working in Delaware. Hrg. 3/26,12pm JPR; Hrg. 2/26,1pm JUD

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[SB 246](#) Circuit Court Judges - Elections ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable Report, JPR

[HB 88](#) Criminal Law - Alcohol Offenses - Civil Offenses (Decriminalization of Petty, Nonviolent Offenses) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House. Hrg. 3/26 JPR

[HB 122](#)/ [SB 209](#) Protective Orders - Relief Eligibility - Rape and Sexual Offences ([RSC-2](#)) SB 209 Passed Senate. Hrg 3/27 JUD.

[HB 914](#) Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans' Court ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable report HGO

[HB 263](#)/SB 551 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release Services Program - Victim Notification ([RSC-3](#)) HB 263 passed House.

[HB 877](#) Crimes - Controlled Dangerous Substances - Sentences ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable Report JUD withdrawn

Marlene Cohn

CORRECTIONS**Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:**

[HB 78](#)/SB 527 Correctional Services - Inmates - Labor ([RSC-1](#)) HB 78 Passed House; SB 527 passed Senate.

[HB 116](#)/SB 846 Public Health - Correctional Services - Opioid Use Disorder - Examination and Treatment ([RSC-2](#)) was amended to provide special treatment for pregnant women, require application for federal funding and implementation by all local detention centers by 2023. HB 116 Passed House; SB 846 passed Senate.

[HB 294](#)/SB 621 Correctional Services - Diminution Credits - Education ([RSC-3](#)) SB 621 Amended to specify 600 hours of course work; passed Senate.

[HB 1001](#)/SB 774 Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Reporting by Correctional Units and Requirements Relating to Minors ([RSC-3](#)) Amended to allow an aggrieved minor to seek legal recourse; passed House.

[HB 1032](#) **Correctional Services - Female Inmates and Inmates with Minor Children - (Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act)** ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable report JUD, withdrawn

[HB 1265](#) **Prisoner Labor Pay** ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable report ECM

[SB 746](#) **Public Safety - Correctional Facilities - Mental Disorder Screening** ([RSC-4](#)) Cross filed with HB 693; unfavorable report JPR

[SB 962](#) **Correctional Facilities - Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry Program** ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable report JPR, withdrawn

Marlene Cohn

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 122/SB 209](#) **Protective Orders – Relief Eligibility – Rape and Sexual Offenses** ([RSC-1](#)), Hrg 3/27, 1pm JPR

[SB 129/HB 712](#) **Criminal Law – Continuing Course of Conduct With a Child – Unit of Prosecution** ([RSC-1](#)), SB 129 Passed with Amendments, Hrg. 3/19 JUD. HB 712 Passed with Amendments, Hrg 3/16, 1pm JPR

Deborah Mitchell

DRUG ABUSE

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 17/SB 857](#) **Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Food Containing Medical 3 Cannabis** (Glenn/Zirkin) Senate Third reading Passed. Hrg. 3/27, 1pm HGO

[HB 25/SB 195](#) **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Revisions** (Barron plus 25/ Kelley plus 11) House Third Reading Passed/ FIN favorable report with amendments

[SB 28](#) **Coverage Requirements for Behavior Health Disorders – Short Term Limited Duration Insurance** (request of Governor) House Third Reading Passed; Hrg 3/21 1pm HGO

[HB 116/SB 846](#) **Opioid Use Disorder Examinations and Treatment** (Barron, Sydnor, Peña-Melnyk/West) House Third Reading Passed. FIN

[HB 139/SB 135](#) **Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Site Program** (Peña-Melnyk plus 31/Benson plus eight) Unfavorable report. Withdrawn

[SB 570](#) **Distribution of Fentanyl Resulting in Death** (Bailey plus six) JUD Unfavorable report, Withdrawn.

[HB 632](#) Constitutional Amendment - Cannabis - Use, Possession, Cultivation, and Sale (Moon plus 29) JUD

Chris Hager

GUN CONTROL

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 834/SB 706](#) Public Safety – Assault Weapons – Replacements 2 (Legally Owned Firearms Replacement Act) ([RSC-4](#)) SB 706 Unfavorable Report by JPR

[SB 737/HB 786](#) Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Secondary Transactions ([RSC-3](#)) HB 786 Passed with Amendments; JPR

[HB 541/SB 115](#) Public Safety – Permit to Carry, Wear, or Transport a Handgun – Qualifications (Concealed Carry) ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable Reports by JUD and JPR.

[SB 8](#) Criminal Law - Computer-Aided Firearm Fabrication – Prohibitions. ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable Report, Withdrawn. JPR

[SB 113/HB 92](#) Public Safety – Handgun Permits – Payment of Fees([RSC-1](#)) ([RSC-2](#)) SB 113 Passed with Amendments, Hrg. 3/26 JUD; HB 92 Passed with Amendments JPR.

[SB 114](#) Firearms – Handgun Permit – Preliminary Approval ([RSC-1](#)) Passed with Amendments. Hrg 3/26 JUD

[HB 95](#) Public Safety – Firearms Disqualifications – Antique Firearm known as Shadé’s Law ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable Report by JUD, Withdrawn

Gloria Salas Kos

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

[HB 782/SB 691](#) Criminal Procedure - Motion to Vacate Judgment - Human Trafficking (True Freedom Act of 2019) (Atterbeary plus eight) Favorable Report with Amendments JUD

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 5/SB 146](#) Commercial Driver's Licenses – Recognition, Prevention, and Reporting of Human Trafficking ([RSC-1](#)) HB 5 Passed House with Amendments, JPR. SB 146 Passed Senate with Amendments. ET

Deborah Mitchell

IMMIGRATION

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[SB 144/HB 214](#) Victims and Witnesses – U Nonimmigrant Status – Certification of Victim Helpfulness. SB 144 passed Senate. HB 214 passed House. ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 224/SB 742](#) State and Local Government – Correctional Units – Detention Agreements and Contracting for Privatization of Facilities SB 742 Unfavorable report in JPR. ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 262/SB 537](#) Higher Education – Tuition Rates – Exemptions HB 262 Passed Second Reading; SB 537 Passed Third Reading in Senate. ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 318](#) Public Institutions of Higher Education Residency Requirement – Determination of In State Tuition Status Unfavorable report in APP, Withdrawn. ([RSC-2](#))

[HB 433/SB 853](#) Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Police Officer Certification – Eligibility (Freedom to Serve Act) HB 433 passed House Third Reading; SB 853 passed Senate Third Reading. ([RSC-2](#))

[SB 599/HB 1273](#) Immigration Enforcement – County Boards of Education, Public Institutions of Higher Education, and Hospitals – Policies HB 1273 passed House on Third Reading ([RSC-3](#))

[HB 1165/SB 718](#) State Government – Government Agents – Requests for and Use of Immigration Status Information HB 1165 passed Third Reading in House ([RSC-3](#))

Carole Conors

JUVENILE JUSTICE

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 1344](#) Department of Juvenile Services - Juvenile Strategic Reentry Program ([RSC-4](#)) House Second Reading Passed with Amendments

[HB 1348](#) Public Safety - Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund – Establishment ([RSC-4](#)) House-Second Reading Passed with Amendments

[HB 1367](#) Juvenile Law - Diversion Program ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg 3/14 JUD

[HB 169](#) State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services - Duties and Access to Records ([RSC-2](#)) House: Second Reading Passed

[HB 555](#) Juvenile Law - Juvenile Court Jurisdiction - Attempted Carjacking ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable Report by JUD-Withdrawn

[HB 659/SB 896](#) Juvenile Law - Continued Detention - Minimum Age ([RSC-3](#)) Hrg 3/26 12pm JPR

[SB 13/HB 867](#) Juveniles – Reportable Offenses ([RSC-1](#)) Hrg. 3/21 JUD

[SB 452](#) Juveniles Charged as Adults - Confidentiality of Photos and Videos ([RSC-3](#)) Favorable with Amendments by JPR

[SB 72](#) Membership – Department of Juvenile Services State Advisory Board
([RSC-1](#)) Hrg. 3/21 JUD

[SB 197](#) Juvenile Law - Jurisdiction - Attempted Carjacking and Attempted Armed Carjacking ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable Report by JPR

[SB 221/](#)[HB 1223](#) Workgroup on Establishing an Independent School Board for the Juvenile Services Education System ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 3/21 JUD

[SB 626](#) Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable Report by JPR,
Withdrawn 3/13

[SB 688/](#)[HB 827](#) Juvenile Law – Sex Trafficking – Immunity, Services, and Investigations (Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019) ([RSC-3](#))
JPR

[SB 856/](#)[HB 606](#) Juvenile Justice Reform Council ([RSC-3](#)) Hrg. JUD 3/27

Jill Muth

EDUCATION

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

School Climate and Discipline

[SB 165](#) Safe Schools Maryland Act of 2019 ([RSC-3](#)). Passed Senate. Hrg. 3/21 W&M

[HB 256](#) State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach ([RSC-2](#)). Amended to require that the Maryland Department of Education publish guidelines on its website but to remove funding to expand and monitor the approach. Passed House. EHEA

[HB 439](#) Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Prohibited Conduct ([RSC-2](#)). Passed House. Hrg 3/27 EHEA

[SB 576](#) Student Victim of Violent Crime - Option to Transfer or Require Offender to Transfer Schools ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable report by EHEA

[HB 704](#) Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Student Data and Governing Board ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/20 EHEA

[HB 725](#) Public Schools - Student Discipline - Restorative Approaches ([RSC-3](#)) Amended to define “Restorative Approaches” and allow Restorative Approaches but to eliminate requirements for training and expanding the use of these practices. Passed House. Hrg. 3/27 EHEA

[HB 1208](#) Board of Restorative Practices in Schools – Establishment ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/27 EHEA

[HB 1229](#) Restorative Schools Fund and Grants – Establishment ([RSC-3](#)) was amended to eliminate requirement for Governor to appropriate funds. Passed House. Hrg. 3/27 EHEA

Nonpublic Schools

[HB 295](#) Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools - Discrimination – Prohibition ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House. JPR

[HB 356](#) Primary and Secondary Education - Nonpublic Schools - Required Information ([RSC-2](#)). Amended to remove most requirements for publishing information about schools. Passed House. Hrg 3/27 EHEA

[HB 496](#) Department of the Environment – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Inspections for Environmental Hazards ([RSC-2](#)). Unfavorable Report by ET.

Curriculum and School Services

[HB 657/SB 896](#) Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance ([RSC-3](#)). HB 657 passed House amended to reduce appropriation to \$100,000, Second Reader in Senate. SB 896 passed Senate, Hrg 3/26 APP

[SB 661](#) Primary and Secondary Education - Community Schools – Established ([RSC-3](#)). Amended and passed Senate. Hrg 3/21 W&M

[HB 1242](#) Public School Students – Vision Services – Reporting ([RSC-3](#)) Amended to require a one-year study by MSDE and the Department of Health of the number of students identified in vision screenings who later receive the recommended eye exam, eyeglasses, or corrective lenses; the programs that are available for no- or low-cost eye exams or eyeglasses for children, and whether these programs are adequate to meet the needs of students; and whether and how parents are made aware of no- or low-cost eye exams and eyeglass programs. Passed House. EHEA

School Construction

[HB 727](#) Build to Learn Act of 2019 ([RSC-4](#)) Passed House with amended title and to establish a special non-lapsing fund for school construction in addition to annual capital budget appropriations. Hrg. 3/27 B&T

[HB 1113/SB 640](#) State Government - Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability and Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Hettleman/Zucker) create an Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability (OPE) in the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). Government agencies would be subject to performance evaluations conducted by OPE. The performance evaluations may be performed concurrently with or separately from an audit conducted by the Office of Legislative Audits (OLA). Performance evaluations required in **[SB 1030/](#)[HB 1413](#) The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future** are contingent

upon passage of one of these bills. HB 1113 passed House and Second Reading in Senate. SB 640 passed Senate. Hrg. 3/19 APP

Lois Hybl

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 122/SB 209](#) **Protective Orders – Relief Eligibility – Rape and Sexual Offenses (RSC-1)** SB 209 Hrg. 3/27 JUD

[HB 248/SB 181](#) **Education – Child Care Subsidies – Mandatory Funding Level (RSC-2)** HB 248 in Senate, Second Reading Passed, SB 181 in House, Second Reading Passed

[HB 338/SB 218](#) **Human Services – Food Supplements (Summer SNAP for Children Act) (RSC-2)** HB 338 in Senate, Second Reading Passed; SB 218 in House 3/26 APP

[HB 519/SB 697](#) **Family Law – Parentage and Adoption (RSC-3)** HB 519 in JPR, SB 697 in JUD

[HB 520/SB 406](#) **Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination – Grant Funding and Task Force (RSC-3)** HB 520 in JPR, SB 406 Hrg. 3/20 HGO

[HB 787/SB 568](#) **Crimes – Child Abuse and Neglect – Failure to Report (RSC-3)** HB 787 in JPR, SB 568 Hrg. 3/27 JUD

[HB 911/SB 930](#) **Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter – Consent to Shelter and Supportive Services (RSC-3)** HB 911 in JPR, SB 930 Second Reading passed with amendments

[HB 1007/SB 739](#) **Child Advocacy Centers – Expansion (RSC-3)** HB 1007 in JPR, SB 739 Second Reading passed with amendments

[HB 1252](#) **Child Abuse and Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals (RSC-3)** Hrg. 3/28 JPR

[SB 24](#) **Family Law – Kinship Caregivers (RSC-1)** Favorable Report JUD

[SB 264](#) **General Provisions – Age of Majority – Right to Parents Support and Maintenance (RSC-2)** Unfavorable Report JPR

Judy Morenoff

HEALTH

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 399/SB 311](#) **End of Life Option Act (Roger E. Israel and Roger “Pip” Moyer Act)** **HB 399** crossed from the House with amendments and was amended further in JPR.

The bill is moving to the Senate floor. The Senate Committee added new restrictions to procuring the needed prescription: increased age requirement to 21; diagnosis must be confirmed by the patient's attending and consulting physicians; patients must ask for the prescription three times, once in private and once with a witness, and yet another; and undergo a mental evaluation. They have also added a stricter definition of the qualifying condition and physicians must give the patient written treatment options.

[HB 768/SB 759 Health Prescription Drug Affordability Board](#) ([RSC-3](#)) favorable with amendments HGO.

[HB 25/SB 195 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program – Revisions](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Both bills have passed their respective houses unanimously with amendments and crossed over to HGO and FIN. They have been amended in committee in both houses and received favorable reports. It appears they are now exactly the same.

[HB 33/SB 893 Medical Cannabis, Provider Applications - Opioid Disorder Use](#), ([RSC-1](#)) SB 893 passed the Senate. Hrg. 3/27 HGO

[HB 49 Recoupment of Health Insurance Provider Fee – Calculation](#), ([RSC-2](#)) passed the House. Hrg. 3/21 FIN

[HB 124/SB 229 Tanning Devices – Use by Minors](#), ([RSC-2, 4](#)) HB 124 passed the House with amendments and received a favorable report from FIN. SB 229 passed the Senate with amendments. Hrg. 3/27 HGO

[HB 258/SB 239 Health Insurance, Individual Market – Provider Fee](#), ([RSC-2](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) HB 258 passed House and moved to FIN where it received a favorable report. SB 239 passed the Senate. HRU

[HB 506/SB 970 Maryland Department of Health – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children](#) ([RSC-3](#)) passed the House and passed Second Reader in the Senate. SB 970 also passed but did not cross over.

[HB 1274 Opioid Restitution Fund](#) ([RSC-3](#)) passed the House. Hrg. 3/27 FIN

[SB 28 Health Insurance – Coverage Requirements for Behavioral Health Disorders - Short-Term Limited Duration Insurance](#) ([RSC-1](#), [RSC-2](#)) ([RSC-4](#)) passed Third Reader. Hrg. 3/21 HGO

[SB 36/HB 127 Health Insurance – Health Benefits Plans – Special Enrollment for Pregnancy](#), ([RSC-1](#)) SB 36 passed the Senate and is in HRU.

[HB 86 Health Insurance – Continuation Coverage – Change of Employment Status](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report HGO, withdrawn.

[HB 139/SB 135 Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Site, \(RSC-2\)](#) HB 139 Unfavorable report HGO, withdrawn.

[HB 696/SB 430 Maryland Health Care Commission – Authorized Prescribers – Reporting of Financial Gratuities or Incentives \(RSC-3\)](#) Unfavorable report FIN and HGO, withdrawn.

[SB 482/HB 846 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Managed Care Organizations–Behavioral Health Services \(RSC-3\)](#) Unfavorable Report FIN & HGO, withdrawn.

[HB 455/SB 372 Physicians – Discipline – Procedures and Effects \(RSC-3\)](#) Unfavorable report JUD and EHEA, withdrawn.

Neilson Andrews

MEETING BASIC HUMAN NEEDS & EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 166/SB 280 Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage \(Fight for Fifteen\) \(RSC-2\)](#) Passed Enrolled

[HB 994/SB 839 Labor and Employment - Criminal Record Screening Practices \(Ban the Box\) \(RSC-3\)](#) Third Reading Passed

[HB 1045 Land Use – Comprehensive Plans – Housing Element \(RSC-3\)](#) Second Reading Passed with Amendments; EHEA

[SB 812 Fair Housing Opportunities Act \(RSC-2\)](#) Unfavorable Report by JPR, Withdrawn

[SB 941/HB 473 Residential Leases – Definition of Rent \(RSC-2\)](#) Unfavorable Report by ET Withdrawn, Unfavorable Report by JPR, Withdrawn

Ruth Crystal

TRANSPORTATION

[HB 1091 Public-Private Partnerships – Reforms](#) (Soloman et al.) stipulates responsibilities and timeline that the Board of Public Works engages in when awarding a contract in a Public-Private Partnership as well as making a more open process so the public better understands the environmental impact of the project and the credit worthiness of competing companies. Passed House with Amendments. Hrg. 4/3 B&T

[HB 1412 Transportation Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act – Alterations](#) (Korman) further clarifies responsibilities and timing involved in the Metro funding bill that passed last year with all funds coming from the Transportation Trust Fund Passed House. Hrg. 4/3, 1pm B&T

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 277](#)/SB 249 Regional Initiative to Limit or Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Transportation Sector – Authorization (Regional Transportation and Climate Protection Act of 2019) ([RSC-2](#)) HB 277 Passed House, SRU. SB 249 Passed Senate, ET and ECM

[HB 885](#) Transportation – Vision Zero – Establishment ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House with Amendments. Hrg. 3/27, 1pm FIN

[HB 1281](#) / SB 787 Transportation – Bikeways Network Program – Funding ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1281 Passed House with amendments.

Bee Ditzler

ENVIRONMENT: CLIMATE CHANGE**Update on Bills Previously Reported in the RSC:**

[HB 472](#) Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable Report ET

[SB 702](#)/HB 1235 Healthy Climate Initiative ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1235 Unfavorable Report ECM

[HB 514](#) Statewide Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Carbon Sequestration ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable Report. ECM

Betsy Singer

ENVIRONMENT: LAND USE**Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:**

[HB 272](#)/SB 234 State and Local Forest Conservation Funds (Fee-in-Lieu) ([RSC-2](#)) HB 272 Passed with Amendments, in EHEA. SB 234 also Passed with Amendments There are very minor wording differences between the bills.

[HB 735](#)/SB 729 Technical Study on Changes in Forest Cover and Tree Canopy in Maryland ([RSC-3](#)) passed both chambers, the bills are identical. Note that the title was originally: Task Force on Forest Conservation in Maryland.

[HB 120](#)/SB 203 No Net Loss of Forest Definition SB 203 Passed the Senate with Amendments, hearing in House was canceled. The bill is not expected to move this year.

Susan Cochran

ENVIRONMENT: RENEWABLE ENERGY**Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:**

[SB 387](#)/HB 669 Environment - Water Quality Certifications (Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019) SB 387 Laid Over; HB 669 Hrg 3/7 ECM ([RSC-1](#))

[HB 151/SB 168 Clean Cars Act of 2019](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Hrgs 2/13 ET; 2/12 FIN

[SB 100/HB 499 Civil Actions - Interstate Pipeline Liability Act](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Hrg 1/30 JPR; Hrg 2/27 JUD

[HB 1158/SB 516 Clean Energy Jobs Act](#) ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1158 Hrg 3/8 ECM; SB 516 Passed the Senate. HRU

[SB 548/HB 961 Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources](#) ([RSC-3](#)) Hrg 3/5 FIN; 3/8 ECM

[HB 246 General Assembly - Fiscal Notes - Environmental Impact Statements](#) ([RSC-4](#)) Hrg. 2/25 HRU

Shari Glenn

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

Update on Bills Previously Reported in RSC:

[HB 27 Clean Indoor Air Act - Use of Electronic Cigarette Devices – Prohibition](#) ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable report by ECM; withdrawn.

[HB 28/SB 939 Natural Resources - Shellfish Nursery Operations - Wetlands License Requirements](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House; EHEA.

[HB 36 Surface Mining - Zone of Dewatering Influence - Water Supply Replacement](#) ([RSC-1](#)) Passed House; Hrg 3/19, EHEA.

[HB 50 Department of Agriculture - Maryland Produce Safety Program](#) ([RSC-1](#)) Hrg. 3/19, EHEA

[HB 109/SB 285 Environment - Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibition](#) ([RSC-1](#)) HB 109 Passed House, EHEA; SB 285 Passed Senate, ET & ECM

[HB 117/SB 3 Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund](#) ([RSC-1](#)) SB 3 Passed Senate, ET and W&M

[HB 134 Environment - Single-Use Plastic Straws - Use in Restaurants](#) ([RSC-1](#)) Unfavorable report by ECM; withdrawn.

[HB 170 Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program - Eligible Borrowers](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House; favorable report by FIN.

[HB 190 Environment - Failing On-Site Sewage Disposal System – Definition](#) ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/16, EHEA

[HB 255/SB 407](#) Public Schools - Agricultural Education Programs ([RSC-2](#)) HB 255 passed in the House, EHEA.

[HB 275/SB 270](#) Pesticides - Use of Chlorpyrifos – Prohibition ([RSC-2](#)) HB 275 passed in the House, EHEA.

[HB 298/SB 448](#) Oysters - Tributary-Scale Sanctuaries - Protection and Restoration ([RSC-2](#)) SB 448 passed Senate, ET; HB298 passed by House and Senate

[HB 348/SB 362](#) Natural Resources - Oyster Planting - Substrate Material ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable reports by ET and EHEA.

[HB 377](#) Natural Resources - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Protection Zones – Revisions ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by ET; withdrawn.

[HB 384](#) Soft-Shell Clams and Razor Clams - Fishery Management Plans ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by ET; withdrawn

[HB 405/SB 213](#) Natural Resources - State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund - Mandatory Funding and Repeal of Termination Date ([RSC-2](#)) HB 405 Unfavorable report by ET; HB405 Passed House, ET.

[HB 406](#) Wetlands and Waterways Program - State-Owned Lands - Structural Shoreline Stabilization ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House; EHEA.

[HB 408](#) Natural Resources - Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by ET.

[HB 410/SB 267](#) Task Force on Prohibiting Debris From Entering Storm Drains or Stormwater Inlets ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report on SB 267 by EHEA.

[HB 411](#) Environment - Sale and Application of Coal Tar and Coal Tar Pavement Products – Prohibition ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by ET; withdrawn.

[HB 417](#) Water Pollution Control - Public Notification of Sewer Overflows and Treatment Plant Bypasses – Alteration ([RSC-2](#)) Passed House. EHEA

[HB 428/SB 269](#) Comprehensive Flood Management Grant Program - Awards for Flood Damage and Mandatory Funding ([RSC-2](#)) HB 428 Passed House, B&T; SB 269 Passed Senate. HRU

[HB 496](#) Department of the Environment - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Inspections for Environmental Hazards ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by ET; withdrawn.

[HB 499/SB 100](#) Civil Actions - Interstate Pipeline Liability Act ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable report by JUD; House bill withdrawn.

[HB 502](#) Environment - Office of Recycling - Mattresses and Box Springs ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/26 EHEA.

[HB 510](#) Composting - Food Waste - Acceptance for Final Disposal ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House; Hrg 3/26 EHEA.

[HB 669/SB 387](#) Environment - Water Quality Certifications (Pipeline and Water Protection Act of 2019) ([RSC-2](#)) SB 387 Passed Second Reader.

[HB 703/SB 505](#) Environmental Violations - Reporting Requirements ([RSC-3](#)) Both bills passed respective chambers, SB 505 in ET; House bill in EHEA.

[HB 720/SB 830](#) Natural Resources - Fishery Management Plans – Oysters ([RSC-3](#)) Both bills passed respective chambers. House in EHEA; Senate bill in ET.

[HB 752](#) Environment - Lead Hazards - Environmental Investigation, Reporting, and Risk Reduction ([RSC-3](#)) Withdrawn.

[HB 904/SB 546](#) Agriculture - Nutrient Management - Monitoring and Enforcement ([RSC-3](#)) Both bills Passed respective chambers, House bill in EHEA; Senate bill in ET. Conference committee scheduled to reconcile the two bills.

[HB 1142](#) Environment - Hazardous Materials - Disposal of Synthetic Turf and Turf Infill ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable report by ET; withdrawn.

[HB 1194/SB 760](#) Natural Resources - Whistleblower Program – Establishment ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1194 Passed, in EHEA; SB740 unfavorable report by EHEA and withdrawn.

[HB 1196](#) Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area – Buffer Establishment and Buffer Management Plan – Exemption ([RSC-4](#)) Unfavorable report by ET.

[HB 1233](#) Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Elevated Blood Lead Levels and Environmental Investigations (Maryland Healthy Children Act) ([RSC-3](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/28 JPR

[HB 1253/SB 481](#) Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Elevated Level of Lead and Grant Program ([RSC-3](#)) HB 1253 Passed House; EHEA

[HB 1353](#) Agriculture – Nuisance Insects ([RSC-4](#)) Passed House. Hrg 3/26, 1 pm EHEA

[HB 1366/SB 662](#) Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education Grant (Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019) ([RSC-4](#)) Passed Senate. Hrg 3/21 W&M

[SB 54](#) Surface Mining - Zone of Dewatering Influence - Contested Case Hearing ([RSC-1](#)) Hrg 3/21 ET

[SB 183](#) Recycling - Lodging Establishments - Notification to Guests ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by EHEA; withdrawn.

[SB 353](#) On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems - Construction and Inspection Licenses ([RSC-2](#)) Unfavorable report by EHEA.

[SB 370](#) Environment - Recycling - Commercial Properties ([RSC-2](#)) Passed Senate; ET

[SB 851](#) Bay Restoration Fund - Authorized Uses, Mandatory Appropriation, and County Authority to Incur Indebtedness ([RSC-3](#)) Unfavorable report by EHEA; withdrawn.

[SB 1031](#) Environment – Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund and Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund – Funding, Reallocation, and Reimbursements ([RSC-4](#)) Passed Senate. Hrg 3/27 ET.

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