



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

CITY OF GREENBELT
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I. WORK SESSION

1. Legislative Priorities Update

Suggested Action:

1. Introductions — 10 minutes (7:30–7:40 pm)
2. Presentation - 30 minutes (7:40 - 8:10 pm)
3. Council Discussion — 30 minutes (8:10–8:40 pm)
4. Questions and Answers — 35 minutes (8:0–9:15 pm)
5. Other Items — 15 minutes (9:15-9:30 pm)

- Informational Items

Prine George's County Summary Report for Greenbelt City Council

March 25, 2026

The 2026 Prince George's County Council has been very active in the first three months of this year:

21 Bills have been Introduced

19 Resolutions have been introduced

Emergency package dealing with immigration enforcement crisis

Bills that have some specific impact on Greenbelt

CB-005-2026 – Common Ownership Communities Program Rules and Regulations – Passed the Council on 3/17/26

This bill was based on the work done in 2025 when a bill passed that allowed the Council to promulgate regulations on COCs that were consistent with state law. The legislation was a result of abuse reported regarding the governance of COCs.

The regulations do the following:

- Copies of executed contracts with third parties are available electronically through an on-line portal and sent to members on an annual basis
- Majority of Board Members (including the President) must reside in the community
- A fee of 10 cents per page for copies of Homeowner Association documents
- Fines for not providing COC Documents to members upon request
- Minimum Board meetings once a quarter open to members
- Board Members shall receive training on governance and emergency preparedness
- Members shall receive notification of depletion of funds

CR-014-2026 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STREAMLINING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WORKGROUP – Passed the Council on 3/17/26

This resolution establishes the Streamlining Development Review Workgroup, an advisory body of up to fifteen members who make recommendations for improving the land development review practices of Prince George's County.

- The workgroup will deliver final recommendations to the County Council, County Executive, and County Planning Board within sixty days of its first public meeting.
- The recommendations will be based on a comprehensive review of the development review process in Prince George's County as well as best practices from peer jurisdictions.
- Members will be selected by the Council Chair and chosen based on their expertise in or proximity to land development processes, including from County agencies involved in land development review.
- Ninety days following the transmittal of its recommendations, the workgroup will cease to exist
- **This is an important work group given the interest of the City in doing its own permitting.**

PGCCPS School Budget

School Cuts impacting Greenbelt Schools

- Roosevelt HS
 - Assistant Principal Position
 - Professional School Counselor
 - Summer Bridge programs for students entering the Science and Technology Program
- Middle Schools
 - Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program
- Greenbelt Middle School
 - Chinese Immersion
 - Transition out with Rising 7 and 8th grade students able to continue
 - World Language offering added to Greenbelt MS
- **County Executive Presented \$5.9 Billion FY27 Budget**
 - **Council Hearings to begin later this month or in April – no schedule has been released**

Status	Date Introduced	Bill Number	Type of Legislation	Bill Title	Sponsor	Bill Summary
Referred to Govt Committee. Sponsor is in discussions with Administration	1/27/26	CB-001-2026	Council Bill	AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY EQUITY PARTICIPATION AUTHORITY ACT	Oriadaha	for the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County to acquire, hold, and manage equity interests in development projects; requiring the development of a County Equity Participation Action Plan; establishing mechanisms for County co-ownership through special purpose entities; limiting County financial exposure; requiring Council approval and transparency; and generally relating to public investment and economic development.
Voted out of Committee - 2/19/26 - Second Reading 3/10	2/2/26	CB-002-2026	Bill	AN ACT CONCERNING MISSING PERSONS WITHIN THE COUNTY-DACARA ROSE'S LAW	Fisher	or the purpose of prohibiting any mandatory waiting period before taking a missing person report; requiring prompt acceptance of missing person reports; requiring public-facing notice that no waiting period is imposed; providing for implementation by written policy;
Referred to TIEE Committee - Held on 3/12	2/9/26	CB-003-2026	Bill	AN ACT CONCERNING ILLEGAL VENDING PENALTIES AND REMOVAL OF GOODS	Fisher	for the purpose of strengthening enforcement against unlawful sidewalk and right-of-way vending within the County; prompting immediate removal of goods when vendors fail to comply; and increasing penalties for illegal vending.
Voted Out of GOFP Committee on 3/12/26	2/17/26	CB-004-2026	Bill	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BONDS	Chair on Behalf of the County Executive	Authorizes the County to sell \$904 million worth of bonds
Draft - Referred to COW	2/17/26	CB-005-2026	Bill	AN ACT CONCERNING INDIVIDUALS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR COUNTY EMPLOYMENT	Dernoga and Oriadha	This bill will prohibit the filling of positions in the County classified service and exempt service with candidates who were employed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection or U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after June 30, 2025.
Referred to COW	2/17/26	CB-006-2026	Bill	AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE	Olson and Oriadha	This bill would limit access to certain areas for immigration enforcement, subject to certain conditions. It would also require the County Executive to develop and publish certain guidance related to immigration enforcement action at County facilities, and require the development of signage templates for private use
Draft - Referred to COW	2/17/26	CB-007-2026	Bill	AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING RESIDENT KIDNAPPING PROTECTION ACT	Oriadha and Olson	This emergency bill would expressly provide that County residents may call for Prince George's County Police Department verification of the identity and authority of persons engaging in immigration enforcement activity and require a certain police response. It would also require the Police Chief to do public outreach about this service and report to the Council quarterly on calls for this service
Referred to Committee of the Whole		CB-008-2026	Bill	AN EMERGENCY ACT CONCERNING PROHIBITION ON FACIAL COVERINGS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT	Olson and Oriadha, Blegay, Denoga, Ivey	This is an emergency act intended to ensure that law enforcement officers interacting with the public in Prince George's County are easily identifiable and transparent while performing their duties. The County Council has determined that there is a public emergency and this emergency act shall address this public emergency. This bill would generally prohibit officers from wearing face coverings that hide their identity during routine public interactions. Clear exceptions are included for situations where masks are necessary for safety and effectiveness, such as undercover work, SWAT operations, medical protection, or hazardous conditions. The goal is to prevent impersonation and promote accountability with all law enforcement officials operating in Prince George's County

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Voted out of Committee of the Whole - Unanimous	2/24/26	CB-009-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING COMPENSATION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS	Oriadha	to amend the compensation of the County Council Members and the County Executive and, including the Chair and Vice Chair of the County Council;
Referred to GOFP	3/3/26	CB-010-2026	Bill	An Act Concerning Private Swimming Pools	Harrison, Ivey, Adams	for the purpose of expanding the definition of public swimming pools to include private swimming pool rentals
Referred to GOFP	3/10/26	CB-011-2026	Bill	Acct Concerning Fines and Charges Related to the ownership of Real Property - Collection	Fisher	for the purpose of providing that a tax, fee, fine, or other charge related to or arising out of the ownership or use of the real property shall be collected in the same manner as County real property taxes; and generally relating to the collection of charges owed to the County.
Referred to HHSPS - To Be Discussed 3/19	3/10/26	CB-012-2026	Act	Act Concerning Motor Vehicle Takeovers and Unlawful Speed Contests	Fisher	for the purpose of prohibiting unlawful speed contests or race contests consistent with State law; establishing the offense of organizing or participating in a motor vehicle takeover event; prohibiting knowingly attending a motor vehicle takeover event; providing definitions; establishing penalties; and generally relating to public safety and unlawful vehicle exhibitions within Prince George's County
Referred to TIEE Committee	3/10/26	CB-013-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STREET VENDING PILOT PROGRAM	Fisher	for the purpose of expanding the availability of and quality of child care in the County; defining certain terms; establishing a County Child Care Navigator; requiring a Strategic Plan for Child Care and annual reporting on program implementation; expanding, facilitating and streamlining the use of County and other public facilities by before and after-school care programs; and generally relating to before and after-school care programs
Referred to Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-014-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD CARE EXPANSION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACT	Oriadha	for the purpose of expanding the availability of and quality of child care in the County; defining certain terms; establishing a County Child Care Navigator; requiring a Strategic Plan for Child Care and annual reporting on program implementation; expanding, facilitating and streamlining the use of County and other public facilities by before and after-school care programs; and generally relating to before and after-school care programs.
Referred to Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-014-2026	Bill	Act Concerning Child Care Build Blocks	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing a Child Care Facilities Loan Program to preserve and increase child care; providing for eligibility for and permissible uses of financial assistance from the Program
Referred to Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-014-2026	Bill	Act Concerning Early Start Child Care Scholarship Program	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing and administering a scholarship program to assist modest-income families in obtaining child care services for 0 to 3-year-olds in Prince George's County
Referred to Committee of The Whole	3/10/26	CB-015-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD CARE BUILDING BLOCKS ACT	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing a Child Care Facilities Loan Program to preserve and increase child care; providing for eligibility for and permissible uses of financial assistance from the Program; providing for the funding and administration of the Program; and generally relating to child care facilities.

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Referred to the Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-016-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY START CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing and administering a scholarship program to assist modest-income families in obtaining child care services for 0 to 3-year-olds in Prince George's County, subject to certain conditions; and generally relating to early childhood education and child care.
Referred to the Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-017-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMIT FEES	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing specific use and occupancy permit fees for certain uses; creating renewal fees for such uses; establishing a nonlapsing Quality of Life Improvement Fund; and generally relating to use and occupancy permit fees
Referred to Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CB-018-2026	Bill	Act Concerning Child Care Consumer Contract Protection Act of 2026	Oriadha	for the purpose of mandating child care consumer contract protection in child care enrollment contracts; including requiring hardship withdrawal provisions;
Presented and Referred to PHED	3/17	CB-019-2026	Resolution	AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING USE REGULATIONS - QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS	Oriadha, Blegay, Denoga	for the purpose of repealing the exemption from detailed site plan review for qualified data center
Presented and Referred to PHED	3/17	CB-020-2026	Act	AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION - PRE-APPLICATION NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS - TRANSPARENCY IN LAND USE	Adams-Stafford	for the purpose of requiring the Planning Department to publish on its website a searchable database of informational notifications of pre-application neighborhood meetings; and ensuring that electronic versions of the informational notifications comply with web accessibility guidelines.
Presented and Referred to HHSPS	3/20/26	CB-021-2026	Act	AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESOURCES INFORMATION	Olson	for the purpose of requiring that ambulances operated by the PG Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department carry bi-lingual community resource information materials; requiring that such materials include resources related to housing, food assistance, legal services, mental health services, and other relevant social services;
Passed by a vote of 8-1	2/24/26	CR-001-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND NATIONAL-CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION	County Council	for the purpose of approving a certain transfer of appropriations within the Recreation Fund of the Approved Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.
Adopted	1/27/26	CR-002-026		A RESOLUTION CONCERNING IMPROVING POLICE AND DRIVER INTERACTIONS DURING TRAFFIC STOPS	Oriadaha & Burroughs	for the purpose of extending the deadline established in CR-077-2025 for submission of the driver handbook concerning police and driver interactions during traffic stops; providing for an additional sixty (60) days to complete the handbook

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Adopted	1/27/26	CR-003-2026	Resolution	Amending Westphalia Sector Plan	Blegay	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE 2007 APPROVED WESTPHALIA SECTOR PLAN AND SECTIONAL MAP AMENDMENT for the purpose of terminating a major amendment to the 2007 Approved Westphalia Sector Plan (2007 Sector Plan), which covers a portion of Planning Area 78 of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Prince George's County, Maryland, and terminating a concurrent sectional map amendment for the project pursuant to Part 3 of the Zoning Ordinance.
Approved 3/10/26	2/3/26	CR-004-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COUNTY COUNCIL RULES OF PROCEDURE	Oridaha	Changes the name of the Committee from Health, Human Services and Public Safety to Public Safety and Health and Human Services
Adopted	2/3/26	CR-005-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATION for the purpose of the County Council's promulgation of rules and regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Common Ownershi	Oridaha	Issues in HOAs about 1) getting information in a timely manner; 2) members can't get copy of by-laws and/or charged a lot of money for getting information; 3) many times an officer doesn't live in the community; 4) issues about reserves being depleted and people not knowing about it. Cons are: 1) burden on smaller HOAs; 2) requirements are cumbersome; 3) people need to be trained but it is often hard to get people to serve as officers of the HOAs
Referred to TIEE Committee - Held on 3/12	2/10/26	CR-006-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STREET VENDING PILOT PROGRAM	Fisher	for the purpose of encouraging the Department of Permitting Inspection and enforcement, Economic Development Corporation and Health Department to develop a comprehensive program on certain streets in Prince George's County where street vending is allowed and a more streamlined process following health concerns for street foods
Adopted	2/10/26	CR-007-2006	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING DMV MOVES REGIONAL TRANSIT INVESTMENT AND ACTION PLAN	Olsen	For the Purpose of endorsing the DMV Moves Regional Transit Investment and action Plan ("DMV Moves Plan") and supports its vision for areliable, integrated and financially sustainable investment plan
Draft and Referral to Committee of the Whole	2/17/26	CR-009-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PROTECTING ALL COUNTY PUBLIC SPACES	Oriadha, Fisher, Olson, Deboga, Ivey, Adams Blegay	This resolution would direct that the County partner with a local non-profit entity to develop a roster of all County residents believed to be in Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody. Funding for the partnership would come from the Non-Departmental fund of the County budget
Referred to PHED	2/24/26	CR-010-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION	Olson	This resolution proposes to reallocate \$190,000 of funding to the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service (\$160,000), End Time Harvest Ministries (\$20,000) and Woodlawn Civic Association (\$5,000)
3/12/26 Passed TIEE Committee 5 to 0	2/24/26	CR-011-2026	Resolution	Resoution Concerning MD Office of People's Counsel - Investigation of Rate Increases	Burroughs	This resolution requests the Maryland Office of People's Counsel to investigate the significant public utility rate increases affecting Prince George's County.

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3/9/26 - Voted out of EWD Committee - 4-0	3/3/26	CR-012-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENHANCED AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CURRICULUM IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY	Adams-Stafford	for the purpose of the County Council affirming its support for mandatory, comprehensive African American history instruction in all Prince George's County public schools.
Voted out of EWD Committee 4-0	3/3/26	CR-013-2026	Resolution	A Resolution Concerning the Prince Georges' County Literacy Commission	Oriadha, Blegay, Adams-Stafford, Dernoga, Ivey, Fisher, Burroughs	for the purpose of extending the deadlines for the submission of preliminary and final recommendations by the Prince George's County Literacy Commission and extending the commission's initial term established by CR-088-2025.
Referred to PHED	3/3/26	CR-014-2026	Resolution	Concerning Prince George's County Streamlining Development Review Workgroup	Oriadha	purpose of establishing a workgroup to recommend policies and practices to the County Council and County Executive to improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and implement best practices in the land development review process without reducing substantive public input.
Referred to Committee of the Whole	3/10/26	CR-015-2026	Resolution	Resolution Concerning Child Care Improvement	Oriadha	for the purpose of establishing specific use and occupancy permit fees for certain uses; creating renewal fees for such uses; establishing a nonlapsing Quality of Life Improvement Fund; and generally relating to use and occupancy permit fees.
Presented and Referred to PHED	3/10	CR-16-2026	Resolution	National Infrastructure Bank Act	Blegay	for the purpose of expressing The County Council's support for federal legislation cited as the "National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025" (H. R. 5356, 119th Cong. (2025)).
	3/17/26	CR-017-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMBERS - APPOINTMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE	Chair on Behalf of the County Executive	for the purpose of addressing the geographic distribution and balance of the membership of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and confirming Brittany E. Jenkins to serve as a member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the Prince George's County Planning Board to serve on a part-time basis.
Passed	3/17/26	CR-018-2026	Resolution	A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION - PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY MEMBERS - APPOINTMENT AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE	Chair on Behalf of the County Executive	Confirming Lori M. Matthews to serve as a member of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission of the Prince George's County Planning Board to serve on a part-time basis.



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City of Greenbelt Legislative Update **March 19, 2026**

Things are moving at the speed of light in Annapolis right now. Both the House and Senate have been in double sessions throughout the week, including a marathon 12 hour day. You can see the strain on members and staff, nerves are frayed and the pressure of Sine Die is setting in. As of now, there has been no formal announcement on a Saturday session, but that remains a real possibility. I will flag it immediately if that changes.

The General Assembly is moving a significant volume of legislation across the floor. While bills are advancing out of their chamber of origin, their fate in the opposite chamber remains uncertain for several of the measures we are tracking. As always at this stage, movement does not equal passage, and the next phase will be critical.

For bills that survive crossover, hearings will begin next week in the opposite chamber. Typically, for legislation that has been heard in a prior session, oral testimony is limited to the sponsor and, occasionally, up to 2 opposing witnesses. That said, this is entirely at the discretion of the committee chair, and we will need to stay flexible depending on how each bill is handled.

Below is a focused breakdown of the bills from our tracking report that are actively moving and warrant attention, along with recommended positions for the City.

HB0386 / SB0281

Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026

Now in the Senate, First Reading in Budget and Taxation

Recommendation: Support

This is one of the most important regional bills still moving. Stable Metro funding directly impacts Greenbelt residents, workforce access, and economic activity. This has a real path forward and should remain a priority.

HB0350 / SB0255

Voting Rights Act of 2026

Now in the House, First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections

Recommendation: Support

This bill strengthens voting protections and election administration. It has direct relevance to municipal election operations and remains viable.

HB0357

Municipalities - Election Dates - Reporting Requirements

Now in the Senate, hearing scheduled

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Recommendation: Monitor

This bill could impose additional administrative requirements on municipalities. It is moving, but the final impact will depend on amendments.

HB0711 / SB0504

Data Privacy Act

Active in both chambers, House on Special Order and Senate hearing process underway

Recommendation: Monitor

This is a large, complex bill with potential compliance implications for municipal data systems. Still very much in play.

SB0334 / HB0577

Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols

Passed the Senate, now positioned in the House

Recommendation: Support

Strong public safety measure addressing illegal firearm modifications. Continues to move and has momentum.

SB0198

Prince George's Community College Aerospace Program

Passed the Senate unanimously

Recommendation: Support

Positive workforce and economic development opportunity within the County. Likely to continue advancing.

SB0555 / HB0446

Dementia Services and Brain Health Program

Passed the Senate unanimously

Recommendation: Support

Expands critical health services for residents and caregivers. Broad support and forward momentum.

HB1178

Municipalities - Annexation - Limitations

Passed Second Reading in the House

Recommendation: Oppose

This bill directly limits municipal authority over annexation and land use. It has real implications for Greenbelt's ability to manage growth and should be opposed.

HB1142

Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures

Hearing held, still active

Recommendation: Support

Directly tied to long-term municipal fiscal stability and revenue options. Worth continued attention.

HB0172

Municipalities - Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras

Favorable report in the House

Recommendation: Support
Advances transparency and accountability in local enforcement operations.

SB0922 / HB0831

Collective Bargaining Expansion
Hearing scheduled in the Senate
Recommendation: Monitor
This bill could expand labor obligations for local governments, with potential fiscal implications.

SB0727 / HB1066

Municipal Elections - Electronic Transmission Systems
Active in hearings
Recommendation: Support
Modernizes election administration tools and could improve efficiency for municipalities.

SB0791 / HB1575

Community Trust Act
Active in hearings
Recommendation: Monitor
High-profile policy with potential implications for local law enforcement and community relations.

HB0099

Municipalities - Annexed Land - Land Use and Density
Still active following hearing
Recommendation: Oppose
Another bill impacting municipal land use authority. This remains a concern for Greenbelt.

HB0058

Transportation - Paratransit Services - Interjurisdictional Routes
Hearing held
Recommendation: Support
Improves regional mobility, particularly for vulnerable populations.

SB0159

Emergency Medical Services - Requirements
Favorable report in the Senate
Recommendation: Support
Strengthens EMS standards and service delivery.

HB0641

Curbside Voting Pilot Program
Hearing held
Recommendation: Support
Expands voter accessibility, particularly for seniors and individuals with mobility challenges.

HB0686 / SB0349

Vehicle Laws - Eluding Police
Active

Recommendation: Support
Public safety enhancement with enforcement implications.

HB1223

Farmers Markets - Street Food Vending Zones - PG

Hearing held

Recommendation: Support

Supports local economic activity and community engagement in Prince George's County.

HB0797 / SB0439

Medical Cannabis - Fire and Rescue Employees

Active

Recommendation: Monitor

Could affect municipal workforce policies and operational standards.

SB0351

Vehicle Insurance Monitoring Programs

Now in the House

Recommendation: Monitor

Limited direct municipal impact, but worth tracking.

HB0468

Social Media Tax - Mental Health Fund

Hearing held

Recommendation: Monitor

Potential revenue implications, but unclear local impact at this stage.

HB1459 / SB0986

Stationary Energy Storage Systems

Hearing held

Recommendation: Monitor

Infrastructure and zoning implications possible depending on final language.

HB1018 / SB0985

Correctional Facility Standards

Now in the Senate

Recommendation: Monitor

Primarily a state-level issue with indirect impacts.

The bills listed above represent where real movement is happening and where Greenbelt's attention should be focused. The next week will be critical as these bills receive hearings in the opposite chamber and begin to either advance or stall. I'll keep you posted as things progress.

County Council Report for Greenbelt by Perez Team

March 20, 2026

Proposed FY27 County Budget

https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/sites/default/files/media-document/Budget%20In%20Brief%20-%20FY%202027%20Proposed%20Budget_0.pdf

Legislation Passed

CR-005-2026 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATION for the purpose of the County Council's promulgation of rules and regulations governing the implementation and administration of the Common Ownership Communities Program. Amended to make consistent with state law.

CR-014-2026 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY STREAMLINING DEVELOPMENT REVIEW WORKGROUP for the purpose of establishing a workgroup to recommend policies and practices to the County Council and County Executive to improve efficiency, reduce redundancy, and implement best practices in the land development review process without reducing substantive public input. Passed 11-0

CR-017-2026 Appointment of Brittany Jenkins to MNCPPC - Approved

CR-018-2026- Appointment of Lori Mathews to MNCPPC- Approved

New Legislation

CB-019-2026 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING QUALIFIED DATA CENTERS - for the purpose of repealing the exemption from detailed site plan review for qualified data center. Referred to PHED Committee

CB-020-2026 - AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING ADMINISTRATION - PRE-APPLICATION NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS - TRANSPARENCY IN LAND USE - for the purpose of requiring the Planning Department to publish on its

website a searchable database of informational notifications of pre-application neighborhood meetings. Referred to PHED Committee

CB-021-2026 - AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY RESOURCES INFORMATION - for the purpose of requiring that ambulances operated by the PG Fire & Emergency Medical Services Department carry community resource information materials; requiring that such materials include bi-lingual resources related to housing, food assistance, legal services, mental health services. Referred to HHSPS Committee.

CB-022-2026 - AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS - for the purpose of declaring transferring appropriations for snow removal expenses

Bills Making Progress

CB-004-2026 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$930 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND GENERAL OBLIGATION STORMWATER MANAGEMENT BONDS. Voted unanimously out of GOFP Committee: 3/12/26 List of Projects:

<https://princegeorgescountymd.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=F&ID=15175662&GUID=F56677A2-4B71-41F8-BC53-9278624EFE89>

CR-011-2026 - Requesting the Maryland Office of People's Counsel to investigate the significant public utility rate increases affecting Prince George's County. Voted out of TIEE Committee 3/12/26 5-0

CR-012-2026 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ENHANCED AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES CURRICULUM IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY for the purpose of the County Council affirming its support for mandatory, comprehensive African American history instruction in all Prince George's County public schools. Voted out of TIEE Committee 3/9/26 – 5-0

CR-013-2026 - A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY LITERACY COMMISSION for the purpose of extending the deadlines for the submission of preliminary and final recommendations by the Prince George's County Literacy Commission and extending the commission's initial term established by CR-088-2025. Voted out of TIEE Committee 3/9/26 – 4-1



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**Carrington Report Week 12
Spring is in the air Edition**



Darrell speaking at the MD Municipal Event hosted by Councilwoman Shireka McCarthy, Seat Pleasant.

Well, another week in the books, and for once, the State is not playing chicken with Sine Die to land the budget. The Senate did its job, the House is lining up to move it, and what you are seeing right now is something that does not get enough credit, actual governing. A \$71 billion spending plan, a \$1.4 to \$1.5 billion shortfall closed, no broad-based tax increases, and a unanimous committee vote to move it. That does not happen by accident. That is relationships, discipline, and a recognition that nobody gets everything they want, but everybody gets something they can live with.

We are sitting at 1,406 Senate bills and 2,065 House bills filed, and only 3 bills enacted so far. That tells you exactly where we are in the process. Volume is high, movement is accelerating, but very little is actually across the finish line yet. That is typical for this point in session, but it also reinforces how compressed the next 25 days are going to be.



Monica Cooper, a formerly incarcerated woman, leads a rally outside the State House in Annapolis this month to push the state to follow a law that requires it to open a stand-alone prerelease facility for incarcerated women. (Pamela Wood/The Banner)

The real story, and the reason you are seeing things start to move, is that the budget framework is now effectively in place. The House and Senate are not staring each other down waiting for Sine Die to resolve differences. That is a huge pressure release valve. It allows committees and leadership to start moving legislation with a clearer understanding of what fiscal capacity exists for FY2027. When you take that uncertainty off the table, bills that were sitting start to find lanes.



Treasurer Dereck Davis, Lt. Gov. Aruna Miller and Comptroller Brooke Lierman at Wednesday's Board of Public Works meeting, where they approved \$1.2 billion for placement of foster children. (Photo by Rhiannon Evans/Maryland Matters)

That said, let's not pretend this was painless. The Developmental Disabilities Administration cuts are still being felt, and the advocacy community is right to say that "less bad" is not the same as good. The State is balancing its books in part by continuing to squeeze areas that have already been squeezed. That tension is not going away; it is just being managed. Same story with the Governor's proposal to tap energy funds to plug budget gaps. That is a short-term fix that creates long-term questions about whether we are serious about energy affordability or just moving money around to make the math work this year.



Maryland Senate Budget and Taxation Chair Guy Guzzone and Vice Chair Jim Rosapepe discuss the fiscal year 27 state budget during a committee voting session on Friday in the Miller Senate Building in Annapolis, Md.



Zoey Godfrey, 9, holds picture of a prehistoric megalodon shark Thursday at the Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee hearing on a bill by Sen. Jack Bailey (R-Calvert and St. Mary's), left, to designate it as Maryland's official state shark. Joining Bailey is Harper Coale, 11, and Zoey's father, Stephen Godfrey. (Photo by William J. Ford/Maryland Matters)

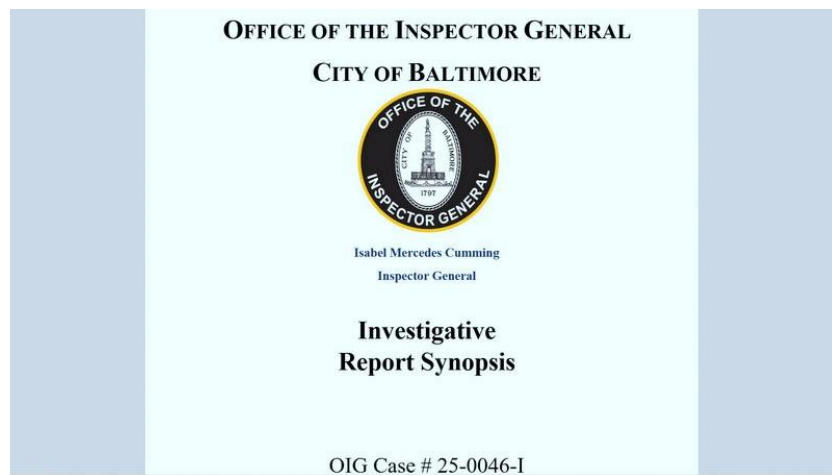
On the ground, the affordability conversation is not theoretical. Utility bills are crushing people right now, and the Legislature knows it. The promise of \$150 in annual savings is politically important, but for families seeing bills double, it is a start, not a solution. The pressure is coming from both ends, ratepayers who cannot keep up and policymakers trying to balance climate goals, grid reliability, and cost. That is why you are seeing aggressive movement on utility relief legislation, alongside quiet conversations about whether some of these policies have outpaced what residents can actually afford.

Healthcare is showing the same structural cracks. When ACA subsidies expire and premiums triple overnight, that is not a market fluctuation, that is a policy failure hitting real people in real time. Layer on top of that a medical system driven by what one physician called “perverse incentives,” and you have a system where cost, access, and provider burnout are all colliding. That is not a one-session issue, but it is absolutely shaping how policymakers are thinking about coverage, reimbursement, and system reform moving forward.



In June of 2023, Gov. Wes Moore announced the relaunch of Baltimore's Red Line transit project. However, now transit officials have to take a closer look at what the project will actually be. Governor's Office file photo.

Public safety and reentry are also back in focus. The push to finally open a transitional facility for women leaving incarceration is the kind of policy that everyone agrees with in concept but drags in execution. The fact that this is still being pushed years after legislative approval tells you everything about the gap between passing laws and actually implementing them. At the same time, the State is committing up to \$1.2 billion to expand group home capacity for foster youth, which is a direct response to a system that has been failing some of its most vulnerable populations. These are not small-dollar fixes, they are acknowledgments that the current system is not holding.



Cover page of the latest report from the Baltimore Office of the Inspector General on the MONSE SideStep program. (baltimorecity.gov)

Oversight and accountability continue to be a theme, and not a comfortable one. The ongoing fights over inspector general authority, combined with findings of fraud, data breaches, and questionable oversight in Baltimore programs, are exposing a fundamental issue, who is actually watching the money, and how independent are they allowed to be. When IGs are clashing with elected officials, that is not just personality, that is structural tension over transparency and control. Add in federal scrutiny of housing schemes and questions about misuse of funds, and it is clear that accountability is not just a talking point right now, it is an active battleground.



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On the economic side, the State is dealing with pressure from multiple directions at once. The IT services tax is underperforming and already being reconsidered, which tells you the original assumptions did not hold. Data centers are becoming a major policy fight, bringing in questions of tax structure, energy consumption, land use, and long-term economic strategy. At the same time, global instability is hitting local industries directly, fertilizer costs are spiking due to international conflict, and Maryland farmers are feeling it immediately as planting season begins. These are the kinds of issues that do not stay in their lanes, they bleed into budget, energy, and economic development conversations all at once.



Senate President Bill Ferguson (D-Baltimore City) and Senate Budget and Taxation Chair Guy Guzzone (D-Howard) confer during Tuesday's budget debate in the Senate. (Photo Bryan P. Sears/Maryland Matters)

Transportation and infrastructure are also in flux. The Baltimore Red Line is now a question mark in terms of form and funding, which is a reminder that large-scale projects are never as settled as they appear. Meanwhile, environmental issues like the Potomac sewage spill show how quickly infrastructure failures can ripple into public health and recreation. These are the kinds of issues that do not always dominate headlines but matter deeply at the local level.

Legally and financially, the State is sitting on a potential time bomb with thousands of child sex abuse claims and no clear funding strategy. This is not a future problem, it is already here, and the liability could reach into the billions. That kind of exposure does not just sit in the background, it shapes budget decisions, risk tolerance, and long-term fiscal planning whether anyone wants to say it out loud or not.



Both Gov. Wes Moore and Lt. Governor Aruna Miller support a bill to change gendered language in the state constitution. (Surya Vaidy/Staff)

On the political and regulatory front, there is no shortage of noise, but even the noise tells you something. Debates over constitutional language, bathroom access, and symbolic designations may not drive the budget, but they do reflect where attention and energy are being spent. More substantive are the fights over voter registration requirements, immigration enforcement authority, and cryptocurrency regulation, all of which tie into broader national dynamics that are increasingly showing up in state-level policymaking.



Workers build a cofferdam to stop the flow of raw sewage into the Potomac River after a massive sewage pipe rupture in Glen Echo on Jan. 23. (Cliff Owen/AP)

And then there are the underlying contradictions that nobody can ignore. The State is generating over \$1.6 billion from gambling while residents lose an estimated \$2.5 billion, raising real questions about whether revenue is being driven by addiction. Lawmakers are talking about relief at the same time they are benefiting from the very behaviors creating the problem. That tension is not going away; it is baked into the model.



The scheme under investigation by federal prosecutors includes this vacant property at 521 N. East Ave. (Kaitlin Newman/The Banner)

Even in moments of levity on the House floor, and there have been a few, you can see the fatigue setting in. Long days, late nights, and a constant push to get bills across the line before crossover. Some members are still fully-engaged, others are clearly running out of gas. That is the reality of this point in session.



Senate Judicial Proceedings Chair Will Smith and Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher answer questions on legislation that would create penalties for Marylanders who register their vehicle in another state on Wednesday on the Senate Floor in Annapolis, Md.

The bottom line is this. The State is moving, aggressively, to close out the session with a balanced budget and a slate of policy wins it can point to. But underneath that progress are real pressures, affordability, accountability, healthcare, infrastructure, and long-term fiscal exposure, that are not resolved, just managed for now.



Large STOP MPRP signs along Route 31 between the Frederick County line and Route 140 in Westminster, as seen while driving southwest entering Frederick County. (Jeffrey F. Bill/Staff)



Del. Christopher Eric Bouchat (R-Frederick and Carroll) sports a Maryland flag-themed top hat on opening day of the 2024 session. (File photo by Bryan P. Sears/Maryland Matters.)

We have 25 days left. This is where positioning matters. Bills that are moving now have a real shot, everything else is noise unless it finds a path quickly. The work at this stage is not just tracking, it is anticipating where the openings are and making sure we are in the right place when they appear.

The sun is certainly shining. As always, these are the issues that kept us up this week.

SENATE PANEL FINALIZES \$71 BILLION SPENDING PLAN: The Maryland Senate released its state spending plan for next fiscal year, accepting the majority of budget proposals from Gov. Wes Moore but also [reducing and swapping some proposed cuts](#). The state expects to spend around \$70 billion next fiscal year with around \$250 million to spare. There are no proposed tax or fee increases. **Staff/WYPR-FM.**

DESPITE CUT REDUCTION, DDA ADVOCATES CALL BUDGET ‘PAINFUL:’ Despite being “extremely thankful” that state leaders worked with them to [reduce cuts to the Developmental Disabilities Administration](#), advocates say this year’s budget is still a “painful” proposal to a community that already absorbed steep cuts last session. **Danielle Brown/Maryland Matters.**

PUSH IS ON TO OPEN TRANSITIONAL FACILITY FOR WOMEN INMATES: Monica Cooper is one of the driving forces in a yearslong campaign to get Maryland’s state government to open a [correctional facility for women ending](#) their sentences and preparing to return to the community. She helped pass a law and overcome a prior governor’s veto. Now she’s pushing the state to follow through. **Pamela Wood/The Baltimore Banner.**

BILLS PROPOSE \$150 ANNUAL UTILITY SAVINGS: Maryland households will see at least [\\$150 a year in utility bill savings](#) from a package of bills unveiled late this week, the governor and legislative leaders promised Friday. Low-income households could see even greater savings from Utility RELIEF Act, the wide-ranging energy bill that is expected to hit the House floor Monday, with some savings kicking in as early as this summer if the bill passes. **Christine Condon/Maryland Matters.**

WHERE TO GET HELP WITH HIGH UTILITY BILLS: Before their family of seven moved to Baltimore, Megan and Shawn Hafele asked Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. for an estimate of their monthly utility bill. They were told \$300 to \$500 a month. This winter their [bill](#)

[has been more than double that](#) — and they can't afford to pay. The Hafeles are among a record number of Marylanders who feel financially crushed by utility bills and are turning to assistance programs administered by the state and BGE. **Bria Overs/The Baltimore Banner.**

PITCHES FOR OFFICIAL 'THIS AND THAT' DON'T ALWAYS LAND: It was a good pitch, and heartfelt. Unfortunately for 9-year-old Preston Milloy, who wanted to make the Natural History Society of Maryland the state's official natural history museum, and supporters of a dozen other bills to designate an official state this or that, the General Assembly's one and only requirement during the legislative session is to approve a balanced budget. It's not hopeless: Lawmakers last year [designated chromite as the official state mineral](#), but that took eight years to win passage. **William Ford/Maryland Matters.**

WITHOUT TAX CREDITS, ACA COSTS TRIPLED: Michael Zabetakis' monthly health insurance premium nearly tripled when the enhanced Affordable Care Act tax credits expired in January — [rising from about \\$500 to nearly \\$1,500](#) as he waits to turn 65 in July and qualify for Medicare. By his birthday, the Glen Burnie native will have shelled out \$6,000 for his health care. **Ben Mause/The Baltimore Sun.**

DEBATE OVER IGs GROWS AS THEY CLASH WITH POLITICAL LEADERS: Across Maryland, inspectors general are tasked with rooting out government waste, fraud and abuse. But their ability to do that job may [depend on whether they can operate](#) without political pressure. Recent disputes in Baltimore City and Baltimore County have prompted debate about how independent those watchdog offices are and whether government officials should have the power to influence or remove the very investigators tasked with scrutinizing them. **Tessa Bentulan/The Baltimore Sun.**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY EXEC CANDIDATES ADDRESS DATA CENTERS, TAXES: Data centers and taxes topped the list of issues discussed by three Democratic candidates for Montgomery County executive during WMAU's The Politics Hour with Kojo Nnamdi on Friday afternoon. The debate over how to [regulate data centers in Montgomery County](#) is ramping up as the California-based Atmosphere Data Centers moves forward with plans to construct a 300-megawatt facility at the former site of the Dickerson Power Plant. **Ceoli Jacoby/Bethesda Today.**

EPSTEIN's REACH EXTENDED INTO MARYLAND: In addition to the specific revelations in the files released by the Department of Justice on the Jeffrey Epstein case, another takeaway emerges: the sheer breadth of the convicted sex offender's reach. The millions of documents released to date contain references to individuals and [groups from seemingly everywhere, including Maryland](#), where some are as obscure as a girl's soccer team in Crofton, and others as well-known as Johns Hopkins Medicine. **Jean Marbella/The Baltimore Sun.**

WITH THOUSANDS OF ABUSE LAWSUITS, STATE UNSURE HOW IT WILL PAY: Maryland leaders still can't say how the state will pay for thousands of child sex abuse lawsuits filed under the Child Victims Act, legal claims that attorneys say could ultimately cost taxpayers billions of dollars. More than a year after the Sun first reported that the [state faced thousands of legal claims](#) from survivors of child sexual abuse inside its youth facilities and services, state officials acknowledge the scope of the potential liability remains unclear. **Gary Collins/The Baltimore Sun.**

STATE TOP COURT TO TAKE UP RESIDENCY ISSUE IN ARUNDEL DELEGATE

RACE: Maryland's top court may soon decide a legal question prompted by a Democratic Party dispute in Anne Arundel County: When, exactly, must a [candidate establish their residency](#) to run for office? That question is at the center of a case pitting Del. Gary Simmons, an Anne Arundel County Democrat, against John Dove Jr., a fellow Democrat who hopes to unseat the delegate. **Pamela Wood/The Baltimore Banner.**

B'MORE RED LINE MAY NOT BE LIGHT RAIL AFTER ALL: Baltimore's proposed east-west Red Line may not be light rail after all. Maryland transportation officials have prepared contingency plans for the [long-sought transit line](#), following concerns over locking in federal funding, rising costs and complications with land acquisition in East Baltimore. **Daniel Zawondy/The Baltimore Banner.**

BALTIMORE CO COUNCIL REVERSES UNPOPULAR PENSION BUMP: The Baltimore County Council voted unanimously to [reverse the pension bump they gave themselves](#) — and make sure they're never again in a position to give themselves a retirement raise. **Rona Kobell/The Baltimore Banner.**

FORMER BALTIMORE YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM PAID FRAUDULENT INVOICES AND COMMITTED A DATA BREACH, IG FINDS: [Report by Inspector General Cumming](#), who referred her findings to law enforcement, says it shows the importance of “direct access to city records and emails” that the Brandon Scott administration is trying to restrict. By **Fern Shen/Baltimore Brew.**

IS MARYLAND PROMOTING & PROFITING FROM A GROWING ADDICTION?

Maryland is taking in billions from gambling as more residents lose money and addiction rates climb. From lottery tickets to casinos to mobile sports betting, the state has rapidly expanded legal gambling in recent years, generating more than [\\$1.6 billion in revenue in fiscal 2025](#). But that same system is fueled by losses — an estimated \$2.5 billion from Marylanders in a single year — prompting a question for state leaders: Is the state profiting from an increasingly addictive product? **Patrick Hauf/The Baltimore Sun.**

MOORE WOULD TAP ENERGY FUND TO HELP CLOSE BUDGET GAP, OFFER INCENTIVES: As electricity bills skyrocket across Maryland, lawmakers at the State House look to a central pot of money that aims to finance clean energy initiatives that lower emissions and, [over time, reduce energy costs](#). There is, however, no consensus on how the fund should be used. Under Gov. Wes Moore's budget proposal, which is before the Maryland Senate this week, about \$292 million would be transferred to the state's general fund to help close a projected \$1.4 billion deficit, leaving the remaining funds to be spent on energy programs. **Mennatalla Ibrahim/The Baltimore Sun.**

UNDERPERFORMING IT TAX FACES REEVALUATION: An underperforming tax on IT and data services could be reevaluated in the coming year. Senate Republicans fell just four votes shy of [repealing the year-old surcharge during debate](#) Tuesday on the state's proposed \$70.8 billion fiscal 2027 budget, which won preliminary approval. But Senate President Bill Ferguson hinted after the floor session that there may be a willingness to alter or possibly repeal the tax. **Bryan Sears/Maryland Matters.**

MARYLAND PARTIALLY LIFTS SOME POTOMAC RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

Maryland health officials have partially lifted a [recreational water advisory](#) along the Potomac River in Montgomery County following January's massive sewage spill, allowing some downstream activities to resume. **Mathew Schumer/The Baltimore Sun.**

SICK MEDICAL INDUSTRY OF 'PERVERSE INCENTIVES' LEAVES DOCTORS

BURNED OUT: In her surgical care for women with reproductive cancers, Dr. Maryann Wilbur said she faced repeated demands from both insurance companies and hospitals to compromise on providing the best care for her patients. "... there are perverse incentives ... to [withhold care — to perform care that is not needed](#) — to perform the wrong care," Wilbur said. The former Johns Hopkins doctor said private equity takeovers, predatory monopolies and profit-driven reimbursement models are driving an epidemic of burnout and suicide among physicians. **Karl Hille/The Baltimore Sun.**

FERTILIZER COST SPIKES HIT AS MARYLAND GROWING SEASON BEGINS:

Because so much global shipping traffic passes through the Strait of Hormuz, prices on all sorts of commodities – including fertilizer — are spiking as the war in the Middle East escalates. Prices for urea, a [nitrogen fertilizer, are up more than 25% per ton](#) since the end of February. The price spikes and uncertainty are hitting Maryland farmers just as spring planting season begins. Harrison Palmer, chief of staff at the Maryland Department of Agriculture, said the state is keeping a close eye on the situation. **Cody Boteler/The Baltimore Banner.**

B'MORE IG REFERS FRAUD DATA TO POLICE: An investigation by Baltimore Inspector General Isabel Mercedes Cumming of an anti-crime program found [several fraudulent invoices and evidence](#) that a city employee improperly shared sensitive data. Both of Cumming's findings were referred to law enforcement for further investigation. **Emily Opilo/The Baltimore Banner.**

SENATE OKs \$71B SPENDING PLAN; NOW IT HEADS TO HOUSE: A nearly \$71 billion state spending plan is headed to the House of Delegates after the Senate gave final approval to the package Wednesday. The final vote comes a [day after the same chamber](#) gave preliminary approval to a plan that amends the budget introduced by Gov. Wes Moore (D) in January. The spending plans close a \$1.5 billion shortfall with no new taxes and limited new spending. **Bryan Sears/Maryland Matters.**

BPW APPROVES \$1.2B FOR GROUP HOME BEDS FOR FOSTER KIDS: The Board of Public Works voted unanimously Wednesday to approve up to [\\$1.2 billion over five years for contracts](#) with licensed group homes, adding bed capacity that state officials hope will end the practice of hospital overstays for foster children. **Rhiannon Evans/Maryland Matters.**

DEM HOUSE MEMBERS SEEK TO UPDATE GENDERED LANGUAGE IN STATE CONSTITUTION: Two dozen Democratic members of the House of Delegates recently introduced a bill to update gendered language in the [Maryland Constitution and Declaration of Rights](#) — a plan some Republican women described as a waste of time. **Patrick Hauf/The Baltimore Sun.**

CRYPTO GIANT, ATTY GEN TUSSLE OVER LEGISLATION: Coinbase, a global cryptocurrency powerhouse, is sharply at odds with Maryland Attorney General Anthony

Brown's office over [legislation the company is pushing](#) to sanction a rewards program that Brown says violates securities law. **Jeff Barker/The Baltimore Sun.**

LAWMAKERS HOPE TO CURB STATE RESIDENTS' REGISTERING VEHICLES

OUT OF STATE: Maryland lawmakers are in the final stages of passing legislation that would crack down on residents [registering their vehicles in another state](#). While it is already against the law to seek out-of-state plates if you are a Maryland resident with limited exceptions, Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher says it isn't easy to enforce. **Sarah Petrowich/WYPR-FM.**

A LOT OF LEVITY IN THE HOUSE: Revenge is a dish served ... sweet? For weeks Del. Vaughn Stewart has dished out a series of pranks on unsuspecting colleagues on the House floor. Wednesday night, someone — perhaps a victim of earlier [shenanigans — decided to get even](#). In the meantime, conservative Del. Kathy Szeliga and progressive House Speaker Joseline Peña-Melnik exchanged some left/right humor. **Bryan P. Sears, William J. Ford and Steve Crane/Maryland Matters.**

MD ELECTIONS CHIEF: SAVE ACT MAY CREATE BLOCKS TO VOTER

REGISTRATION: The SAVE America Act is the subject of what could be days of debate on the floor of the U.S. Senate. The legislation is a Republican [measure that requires proof of U.S. citizenship](#) to register to vote — like a passport or birth certificate, and a photo ID, to cast a ballot in a federal election. At the Maryland Board of Elections, Administrator Jared DeMarinis said they have already verified identities. The SAVE America Act would require them to also verify citizenship. “That would possibly create some barriers in that process,” DeMarinis said. **Kate Amara/WBAL-TV News.**

MARYLAND SHERIFFS' FIGHT AGAINST BAN ON ICE AGREEMENTS GETS

NOTICED: Maryland law enforcement leaders gained some national attention in their fight against a law banning formal agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement this week. Lt. Col. Allen West, the executive director of the [national conservative legal nonprofit](#) American Constitutional Rights Union, met with sheriffs and other officials in Harford and Carroll counties Monday to discuss his concerns about the constitutionality of the bans. **Brendan Nordstrom/The Carroll County Times.**

FEDERAL PROBE FOCUSES ON B'MORE HOMES SOLD OVER AND OVER: Federal prosecutors appear to be closing in on a real estate investment scheme by a small group of New York businessmen who used [loosely regulated commercial loans](#) to quickly build a massive portfolio of rowhomes in Baltimore. A complaint filed last week in the U.S. District Court of Maryland accuses Alexander Schultz, a real estate wholesaler, and Jacob Rappaport, a Towson-based attorney, of misleading lenders. **Giacomo Bologna, Sahana Jayaraman and Hallie Miller/The Baltimore Banner.**

12K CHILD SEX ABUSE CLAIMS WITH NO CLEAR PLAN FOR PAYOUTS: There's a major expense on the horizon that legislative leaders aren't addressing as the budget works through the State House: [potentially enormous legal payouts to people sexually abused as children in Maryland's juvenile justice system](#). **Madeleine O'Neill/The Baltimore Banner.**

ADVOCATES OF REPARATIONS COMMISSION COULD BEGIN RECRUITING APPOINTEES SOON: Supporters could begin soliciting volunteers to serve [on the long-awaited, and long-delayed Maryland Reparations Commission](#) as soon as next week, ending a year of starts and stops on the measure. **William J. Ford/Maryland Matters.**

REPUBLICANS PUSH FOR GAS TAX HOLIDAY. DEMOCRATS PUMPS THE BREAKS: With gas prices rising as a consequence of the U.S. war on Iran, some lawmakers are hoping to [temporarily suspend Maryland's 46 cents-per-gallon gas tax but](#) it's not clear whether they'll get the buy-in from Democrats that would be necessary to make their idea a reality. **Pamela Wood/The Baltimore Banner.**

BILL REQUIRING TAMPONS IN MEN'S, WOMEN'S BATHROOMS GETS MIXED REACTIONS: A bill that would require the availability of tampons and other hygiene products in both men's and women's bathrooms in public buildings is receiving mixed reactions. [Many people wonder why tampons need to be available in men's bathrooms.](#) **David Collins/WBAL TV.**

STATES DEMAND REFUNDS ON 'ILLEGAL' TRUMP TARIFFS: [Maryland and Virginia are part of a growing, multistate push to force Congress to refund more than \\$166 billion in tariffs,](#) after the Supreme Court ruled the Trump policy illegal. Attorneys general in more than a dozen states, including Maryland and Virginia, are arguing the money to pay for President Donald Trump's tariffs came straight out of consumers' pockets. **Will Vitka/WTOP News.**

OFFICIALS SEEK ANSWERS AMID PROBE INTO FORMER BGE INSPECTOR: As the Maryland Public Service Commission investigates allegations of a [former BGE inspector falsifying records and spending time on a boat](#) instead of performing his job duties, the Office of the People's Counsel said "the evidence gathered so far raises significant concerns." **Jessica Babb/Fox 45 News.**

WHO'S WATCHING TAXPAYER MONEY? MD SPLIT ON FEDERAL FRAUD CRACKDOWN: Maryland leaders are split over whether to cooperate with [a new White House anti-fraud crackdown,](#) even as state officials admit they cannot fully account for potential misuse of taxpayer-funded programs. **Gary Collins/Spotlight on Maryland/The Baltimore Sun.**

BOUCHAT, IN BOUT OF FRUSTRATION, SKIPS FLOOR VOTES AND COMMITTEE SESSIONS AS TERM ENDS: When the House debated a bill Thursday [intended to improve the safety of storm drains,](#) House Minority Whip Jesse T. Pippy (R-Frederick) rose to ask a question of the sponsor — knowing the sponsor would not be there. **Bryan P. Sears/Maryland Matters.**

Bill #	Title	Sponsor(s)	Summary	Greenbelt Impact	Key Provisions	Status	Recommendation / Rationale	Position Taken	Testimony (Written, Oral, Both)	City Council Vote
HB0444 /CH0002 (SB0245/CH0001)	Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition	Delegate Williams	Prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement; and requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement agreement on or before July 1, 2026.	Public safety and community trust relevance. Limits on certain agreements can affect local policy and resident trust in public services.	Prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement; and requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement...	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 2 Judiciary 1/27/2026 - 2:00 PM Judicial Proceedings	Monitor. Review implementation guidance and any compliance burdens.	Support	Written	Accepted
HB1142	Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures	Delegate Wilkins	Establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal governments within the State; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General A...	Direct fiscal policy relevance. Study recommendations could affect municipal revenue options, state local fiscal relationships, and future enabling authority.	Establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal governments within the State; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor...	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Support. A structured review of revenue options can support stable funding for local services and infrastructure.	Support	Written	Accepted
HB1575 (SB0791)	Correctional Services and Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement - Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)	Delegate Phillips	Prohibiting certain State and local correctional and public safety entities from engaging in specified immigration enforcement activities; intended to promote community trust and clarify permissible interactions with federal immigration authorities.	Potential operational and policy impact for Greenbelt related to law enforcement and detention practices, interagency coordination, and community trust considerations.	Limits certain immigration enforcement activities; establishes prohibitions and parameters for State and local agencies, including correctional and public safety functions.	Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Assess operational impacts and any compliance requirements for City practices and interagency coordination, and align with City Police and legal guidance.	Support	None	Accepted
SB0010	State Highway Administration - Speed Monitoring Systems - Application Approval	Senator Washington, A.	Requiring the State Highway Administration to approve, deny, or return as incomplete an application for the use of a certain speed monitoring system within 90 days after receipt of the application; and providing that if the Administration does not approve, deny, or return the application in accordance with the Act, the...	Direct transportation safety relevance. Could expand or shape automated enforcement and traffic calming authority, with signage, operations, and public messaging implications.	Requiring the State Highway Administration to approve, deny, or return as incomplete an application for the use of a certain speed monitoring system within 90 days after receipt of the application; and providing that if the Administration does not approve, deny, or return the app...	Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m. Judicial Proceedings 1/28/2026 - 11:00 AM	Support with attention to implementation. Prioritize safety outcomes, workable local participation, and clear signage and reporting requirements.	Support	Written	Accepted
SB0245 /CH0001 (HB0444/CH0002)	Public Safety - Immigration Enforcement Agreements - Prohibition	Senator Smith	Prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement; and requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement agreement on or before July 1, 2026.	Public safety and community trust relevance. Limits on certain agreements can affect local policy and resident trust in public services.	Prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement; and requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement...	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 1 Judiciary 1/22/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Review implementation guidance and any compliance burdens.	Support	Written	Accepted
SB0462 (HB0774)	Landlord and Tenant - Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination (Good Cause Eviction)	Senator Muse	Authorizing a county to adopt, by local law or ordinance, provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for a local law or ordinance adop...	Housing stability relevance. Tenant protections can affect resident stability and community outcomes, and can intersect with local housing policy priorities.	Authorizing a county to adopt, by local law or ordinance, provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; establishing certain requirements and prohib...	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. Judicial Proceedings 2/12/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor and engage. Assess impacts, implementation requirements, and any interaction with local housing policy.	Support	Written	Accepted

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SB0791 (HB1575)	Correctional Services and Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement – Prohibitions (Community Trust Act)	Senator Lam	Prohibiting certain State and local correctional and public safety entities from engaging in specified immigration enforcement activities; intended to promote community trust and clarify permissible interactions with federal immigration authorities.	Potential operational and policy impact for Greenbelt related to law enforcement and detention practices, interagency coordination, and community trust considerations.	Limits certain immigration enforcement activities; establishes prohibitions and parameters for State and local agencies, including correctional and public safety functions.	Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Assess operational impacts and any compliance requirements for City practices and interagency coordination, and align with City Police and legal guidance.	Support	None	Accepted
HB1178	Municipalities - Annexation - Limitations	Delegate Harrison	Prohibiting a municipality from annexing land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality is located without first obtaining the consent of certain members of the General Assembly; etc.	High direct impact. Could constrain or clarify municipal authority to annex and to apply land use, zoning, and service planning to annexed parcels.	Prohibiting a municipality from annexing land that is located in a different legislative district than a legislative district in which the municipality is located without first obtaining the consent of certain members of the General Assembly; etc.	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	Oppose unless amended. Protect municipal authority to annex and prevent broad preemption of local discretion.	Oppose	Written	Accepted
HB0550	Civil Actions - Violation of Constitutional Rights (No Kings Act)	Delegate Martinez	Establishing certain civil liability for a federal law enforcement officer who, under color of law, deprives another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution; and applying the Act retroactively to a cause of action arising on or after March 1, 2025.	Monitor for municipal operational, fiscal, and community implications.	Establishing certain civil liability for a federal law enforcement officer who, under color of law, deprives another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution; and applying the Act retroactively to a cause of action arising on or after March 1, 2025...	Hearing canceled Judiciary	No action. Withdrawn by sponsor.	N/A	N/A	N/A
HB0058	Transportation - Paratransit Services - Interjurisdictional Routes	Delegate Healey	Requiring a county that submits an application to the Secretary of Transportation for funding for certain transportation services for elderly and disabled persons to identify interjurisdictional paratransit service routes between facilities within certain networks of providers in the application; requiring the Secretary...	Regional mobility relevance. Interjurisdictional paratransit coordination affects resident access to services and may affect coordination with transit partners.	Requiring a county that submits an application to the Secretary of Transportation for funding for certain transportation services for elderly and disabled persons to identify interjurisdictional paratransit service routes between facilities within certain networks of providers in...	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. Environment and Transportation 2/05/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Evaluate operational and funding implications for interjurisdictional coordination.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0070	State Highway Administration - Traffic Calming Devices - Study	Delegate Healey	Requiring the State Highway Administration to study and make recommendations on the implementation of a consistent statewide policy for the use of traffic calming devices on highways in the State; and requiring the Administration to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or...	Direct transportation safety relevance. Could expand or shape automated enforcement and traffic calming authority, with signage, operations, and public messaging implications.	Requiring the State Highway Administration to study and make recommendations on the implementation of a consistent statewide policy for the use of traffic calming devices on highways in the State; and requiring the Administration to report its findings and recommendations to the...	Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn Environment and Transportation	No action. Withdrawn by sponsor.	Monitor	None	N/A
HB0086	State and Local Employees - Cancer Screening - Paid Leave	Delegate Vogel	Providing that certain State, county, and municipal employees are entitled to up to 4 hours of paid cancer screening in any 12-month period after obtaining approval from their appointing authorities.	Workforce and fiscal relevance. Could affect personnel policy, labor relations, benefits, or budget exposure for local government.	Providing that certain State, county, and municipal employees are entitled to up to 4 hours of paid cancer screening in any 12-month period after obtaining approval from their appointing authorities.	Hearing 1/27 at 2:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 1/27/2026 - 2:00 p.m.	Monitor for workforce, bargaining, and fiscal impacts on City operations.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0099	Municipalities - Annexed Land - Land Use and Density	Delegate Schindler	Altering the restrictions on a municipality, for a period following an annexation of land, to authorize the development of certain annexed land for certain land uses or certain densities without obtaining the express approval of the county in which the municipality is located.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Altering the restrictions on a municipality, for a period following an annexation of land, to authorize the development of certain annexed land for certain land uses or certain densities without obtaining the express approval of the county....	Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/5/2026 - 2:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending

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HB0172	Municipalities - Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras	Delegate Schindler	Including a certain municipal enforcement officer in the definition of 'law enforcement officer' for purposes of a certain exception to prohibitions against wiretapping and electronic surveillance relating to the use of body-worn cameras.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Including a certain municipal enforcement officer in the definition of 'law enforcement officer' for purposes of a certain exception to prohibitions against wiretapping and electronic surveillance relating to the use of body-worn cameras;....	Favorable Report by Judiciary 2/24/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0214	Higher Education - Academic Forgiveness Policy - Established	Delegate Healey	Requiring institutions of higher education to develop and implement an academic forgiveness policy on or before August 1, 2026, that applies to applicants who earned unsatisfactory or failing grades at a prior institution of higher education under certain circumstances.	Monitor for municipal operational, fiscal, and community implications.	Requiring institutions of higher education to develop and implement an academic forgiveness policy on or before August 1, 2026, that applies to applicants who earned unsatisfactory or failing grades at a prior institution of higher education under certain circumstances.	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. Appropriations 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor and engage based on amendments and committee action.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0350 (SB0255)	Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations	Delegate Wims	Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or the member's ability to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or the abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.	Election administration relevance. May affect local election procedures, access, reporting, or compliance obligations.	Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or the member's....	Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/11/2026 - 2:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; review implementation, compliance, and administrative impacts for local election operations.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0357	Municipalities - Election Dates - Reporting Requirements	Delegate Palakovich Carr	Requiring each municipality to report municipal election dates to the State Board of Elections not less than 6 months before each regular election and within 5 business days after a special election is scheduled.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Requiring each municipality to report municipal election dates to the State Board of Elections not less than 6 months before each regular election and within 5 business days after a special election is scheduled; and requiring the State....	Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/11/2026 - 2:00 p.m. Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/25/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0386 (SB0281)	Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026	Delegate Korman	Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances.	Transportation and mobility relevance. Could affect local access, traffic operations, enforcement, or regional transit coordination.	Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required to include in the....	First Reading Budget and Taxation Appropriations 2/10/2026 - 1:00 p.m. Environment and Transportation Budget and Taxation	Monitor for operational, fiscal, and intergovernmental transportation impacts.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0446 (SB0555)	Health - Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Clinical Toolkit	Delegate Martinez	Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council to include an examination of the capacity of health care providers to deliver care to certain individuals and to identify methods by which the State can assist health care providers in delivering care to certain individuals;...	Public health relevance. Statewide program changes may improve resident access to services and reduce downstream service demands.	Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council to include an examination of the capacity of health care providers to deliver care to certain individuals and to identify methods by which the State can assist health care providers in...	Hearing 2/12 at 1:30 p.m. Health 2/12/2026 - 1:30 PM	Monitor. Potential resident benefit; review fiscal note and program design.	Monitor	None	Pending

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HB0468	Health and Taxation - Digital Social Media Services and the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth	Delegate Martinez	Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth to support improved access to mental health care services for children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the ta...	Public health relevance. Statewide program changes may improve resident access to services and reduce downstream service demands.	Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth to support improved access to mental health care services for children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for...	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. Ways and Means 2/12/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Potential resident benefit; review fiscal note and program design.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0504	State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Physician Members – Repeal	Delegate Martinez	Altering the membership of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by removing the physician members.	Monitor for municipal operational, fiscal, and community implications.	Altering the membership of the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists by removing the physician members.	Unfavorable Report by Health; Withdrawn Health	No action. Withdrawn by sponsor.	Monitor	N/A	Pending
HB0566 (SB0107)	Criminal Law – Distribution of Students’ Personal Information – Prohibition	Delegate Martinez	Prohibiting a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with reckless disregard for the risk the informa...	Privacy relevance. Limits on student data distribution affect youth protections and community trust.	Prohibiting a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with rec...	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Strong privacy protections are favorable; confirm clarity for compliance and enforcement.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0577 (SB0334)	Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols	Delegate Williams	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions.	Public safety relevance. Firearm crime provisions may affect community safety and enforcement practices.	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions.	Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Judiciary 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	Monitor. Review enforcement provisions and alignment with existing law.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0641	Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program	Delegate Williams	Establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program by September 1, 2031.	Municipal governance relevance. Election process changes can affect access, administration practices, and local advocacy on election integrity and accessibility.	Establishing the Curbside Voting Pilot Program to test the viability of curbside voting in the State; establishing requirements governing curbside voting; and requiring the State Board to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Pilot Program by September 1, 20...	Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Support accessibility while ensuring clear standards and administrative feasibility.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0686 (SB0349)	Vehicle Laws - Eluding Police - Penalties (Zoey's Law)	Delegate Williams	Altering penalties for attempting to elude a police officer when that attempt results in the death of another person by classifying a violation of the Act as a felony and, for a first offense, providing a term of imprisonment of up 5 rather than 10 years and a fine or both and, for a second or subsequent offense, impi...	Public safety relevance. Penalty and enforcement changes can affect local policing and safety outcomes.	Altering penalties for attempting to elude a police officer when that attempt results in the death of another person by classifying a violation of the Act as a felony and, for a first offense, providing a term of imprisonment of up 5 rather than 10 years and a fine or both and, f...	Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. Judiciary 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Public safety measure; review proportionality and fiscal impacts.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0711 (SB0504)	Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)	Delegate Charkoudian	Prohibiting a certain controller from selling the personal data of a consumer to a purchaser who seeks to use the data for immigration enforcement; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a public record is accessed for enforcing immigration law.	Public safety and operational relevance. Could affect City policy, enforcement practices, compliance, or interagency coordination.	Prohibiting a certain controller from selling the personal data of a consumer to a purchaser who seeks to use the data for immigration enforcement; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a....	Special Order until 03/20 (Delegate Hornberger) Adopted Economic Matters 2/24/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; review Police, legal, and operational implications for Greenbelt.	Monitor	None	Pending

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HB0739	Health Insurance - Prompt Payment of Claims - Requirements	Delegate Martinez	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to send certain communications in a certain manner; establishing that certain communications by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations shall be considered denials of all or part of certain cl...	Resident access relevance. Prompt pay reforms can affect provider participation and resident access to care, with indirect community impacts.	Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to send certain communications in a certain manner; establishing that certain communications by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations shall be consider...	Hearing 2/19 at 1:30 p.m. Health 2/19/2026 - 1:30 PM	Monitor. Review standards and downstream effects on resident access to care.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0774 (SB0462)	Landlord and Tenant Residential Leases and Holdover Tenancies - Local Good Cause Termination (Good Cause Eviction)	Delegate Wilkins	Authorizing a county to adopt, by local law or ordinance, provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; establishing certain requirements and prohibitions for a local law or ordinance adop...	Housing stability relevance. Tenant protections can affect resident stability and community outcomes, and can intersect with local housing policy priorities.	Authorizing a county to adopt, by local law or ordinance, provisions prohibiting certain landlords of residential property from failing to renew a lease during the lease period or from terminating a holdover tenancy without good cause; establishing certain requirements and prohib...	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor and engage. Assess impacts, implementation requirements, and any interaction with local housing policy.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0797 (SB0439)	Employment Discrimination - Fire and Rescue Public Safety Employees - Use of Medical Cannabis	Delegate Boaf	Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and requiring an employer to report an incident of a fire and rescue public safety employee reporting for work wh...	Employment and public safety relevance. May affect local government employment policies and workplace accommodation practices for public safety personnel.	Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and requiring an employer to report an incident of a fire and rescue publ...	Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. Economic Matters 3/11/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Evaluate impacts on local government public safety employment policies.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB0831 (SB0922)	Collective Bargaining Local Government Employees and Public Employee Relations Act	Delegate Schindler	Establishing collective bargaining rights for public local employees; applying the Maryland Public Employee Relations Act to county and municipal government employers and their employees; providing that a public employee may be deemed a certain management employee for purposes of establishing collective bargaining rights.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Establishing collective bargaining rights for public local employees; applying the Maryland Public Employee Relations Act to county and municipal government employers and their employees.	Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 3/3/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB1018 (SB0985)	Correctional Services Correctional Facilities and Immigration Detention Facilities - Minimum Mandatory Standards	Delegate Stewart	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities.	Public safety and operational relevance. Could affect City policy, enforcement practices, compliance, or interagency coordination.	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services to adopt regulations establishing certain minimum mandatory standards governing the care, custody, and conditions of civil detainees in immigration detention facilities;....	First Reading Judicial Proceedings Government, Labor, and Elections 2/12/2026 - 2:00 p.m. Judicial Proceedings	Monitor closely; review Police, legal, and operational implications for Greenbelt.	Monitor	None	Pending
HB1066 (SB0727)	Municipal Elections - Qualified Electronic Transmission Systems - Authorization for Use	Delegate Lehman	Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission....	Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections 2/25/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending

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HB1223	Farmers Markets - Street Food Vending Zones - Requirements PG 411-26	Prince George's County Delegation	Authorizes a county to designate areas adjacent to a farmers market as a street food vending zone, requires certain vendors selling food other than raw agricultural products in the zone to meet residency, food service compliance, and farmers market membership and operating rule requirements, effective October 1, 2026.	Could affect vendor participation and enforcement near the Greenbelt Farmers Market if Prince George's County designates a street food vending zone adjacent to the market, including potential limits based on residency criteria set in market rules or bylaws, and additional inspection and compliance activity by the County health department.	Defines vendor as an operator of a mobile food service facility or a cottage food business, authorizes a county to designate areas adjacent to a farmers market as a street food vending zone, requires vendors selling food other than raw agricultural products in the zone to reside within a geographic area set by the farmers market rules or bylaws, comply with applicable food service laws, and meet farmers market membership criteria and operating rules and regulations, takes effect	In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Monitor, Prince George's County local bill, potentially impacts City connected farmers market operations and vendor mix, and may increase inspection and enforcement expectations.	Monitor	None	Monitor
HB1459 (SB0986)	Public Safety - Stationary Energy Storage Systems	Delegate Jacobs	Requiring an owner or operator of a stationary energy storage system to pay for certain fire response training and equipment for certain local fire departments with certain fire suppression responsibilities; and requiring the State Fire Marshal to administer and enforce the Act.	Public safety and operational relevance. Could affect City policy, enforcement practices, compliance, or interagency coordination.	Requiring an owner or operator of a stationary energy storage system to pay for certain fire response training and equipment for certain local fire departments with certain fire suppression responsibilities; and requiring the State Fire...	Hearing 3/13 at 1:30 p.m. Environment and Transportation 3/13/2026 - 1:30 p.m.	Monitor closely; review Police, legal, and operational implications for Greenbelt.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0107 (HB0566)	Criminal Law – Distribution of Students' Personal Information – Prohibition	Senator Henson	Prohibiting a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with reckless disregard for the risk the informa...	Privacy relevance. Limits on student data distribution affect youth protections and community trust.	Prohibiting a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with rec...	Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. Judicial Proceedings 1/27/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Strong privacy protections are favorable; confirm clarity for compliance and enforcement.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0159	Emergency Medical Services - Vehicles and Ambulances - Required Supplies, Reviews, and Complaints	Senator Washington, A.	Requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to coordinate the minimum equipment, supplies, and medications to be available on emergency medical services vehicles; requiring each county and municipality that operates or contracts emergency medical services to conduct...	Public safety relevance. EMS supply and review requirements may affect service quality, compliance, and procurement impacts across jurisdictions.	Requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to coordinate the minimum equipment, supplies, and medications to be available on emergency medical services vehicles; requiring each county and municipality that operates or contrac...	Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Review supply requirements, procurement impacts, and compliance burdens.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0198	Prince George's Community College - Aerospace Technology Studies Program	Senator Washington, A.	Requiring the Board of Community College Trustees for Prince George's County, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Commerce, and the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to establish an Aerospace Technology Studies Program at Prince George's Community Coll...	Monitor for municipal operational, fiscal, and community implications.	Requiring the Board of Community College Trustees for Prince George's County, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Commerce, and the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to establish an Aerospace Technology Studies P...	Hearing 1/28 at 10:00 a.m. Education, Energy, and the Environment 1/28/2026 - 10:00 AM	Monitor and engage based on amendments and committee action.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0255 (HB0350)	Voting Rights Act of 2026 - Counties and Municipal Corporations	Senator Sydnor	Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.	Election administration relevance. May affect local election procedures, access, reporting, or compliance obligations.	Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the....	First Reading Government, Labor, and Elections Education, Energy, and the Environment 1/27/2026 - 1:00 p.m. Government, Labor, and Elections	Monitor closely; review implementation, compliance, and administrative impacts for local election operations.	Monitor	None	Pending

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SB0281 (HB0386)	Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026	Senator Augustine	Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances.	Transportation and mobility relevance. Could affect local access, traffic operations, enforcement, or regional transit coordination.	Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required to include in the....	Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m. Budget and Taxation 2/3/2026 - 2:00 p.m.	Monitor for operational, fiscal, and intergovernmental transportation impacts.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0334 (HB0577)	Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Machine Gun Convertible Pistols	Senator Love	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions.	Public safety relevance. Firearm crime provisions may affect community safety and enforcement practices.	Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions.	Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. Judicial Proceedings 2/05/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Review enforcement provisions and alignment with existing law.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0349 (HB0686)	Vehicle Laws - Eluding Police - Penalties	Senator Washington, A.	Altering certain penalties for attempting to elude a police officer when that attempt results in the death of another person to be imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a second or...	Public safety relevance. Penalty and enforcement changes can affect local policing and safety outcomes.	Altering certain penalties for attempting to elude a police officer when that attempt results in the death of another person to be imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not...	Hearing 2/04 at 11:00 a.m. Judicial Proceedings 2/04/2026 - 11:00 AM	Monitor. Public safety measure; review proportionality and fiscal impacts.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0351	Private Passenger Motor Vehicle Insurance - Use of Programs That Measure the Operation of an Insured Vehicle	Senator Washington, A.	Requiring an insurer that issues or delivers private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies in the State to disclose the use of a program that measures the operation of an insured vehicle and to establish a process by which a policyholder may correct or appeal data the policyholder believes to be erroneous; prohibi...	Monitor for municipal operational, fiscal, and community implications.	Requiring an insurer that issues or delivers private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies in the State to disclose the use of a program that measures the operation of an insured vehicle and to establish a process by which a policyholder may correct or appeal data the policy...	Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. Finance 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	Monitor and engage based on amendments and committee action.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0439 (HB0797)	Employment Discrimination - Fire and Rescue Public Safety Employees - Use of Medical Cannabis	Senator Jackson, C.	Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and requiring an employer to report an incident of a fire and rescue public safety employee reporting for work wh...	Employment and public safety relevance. May affect local government employment policies and workplace accommodation practices for public safety personnel.	Prohibiting an employer from taking certain discriminatory employment actions against a fire and rescue public safety employee based on the employee's use of medical cannabis, subject to certain conditions; and requiring an employer to report an incident of a fire and rescue publ...	Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. Finance 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Evaluate impacts on local government public safety employment policies.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0504 (HB0711)	Data Privacy - Consumer Data, Public Records, and Message Switching System (Data Privacy Act)	Senator Lam	Prohibiting a certain controller from selling the personal data of a consumer to a purchaser who seeks to use the data for immigration enforcement; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a public record is accessed for enforcing immigration law.	Public safety and operational relevance. Could affect City policy, enforcement practices, compliance, or interagency coordination.	Prohibiting a certain controller from selling the personal data of a consumer to a purchaser who seeks to use the data for immigration enforcement; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a....	Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. Finance 2/26/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; review Police, legal, and operational implications for Greenbelt.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0555 (HB0446)	Health - Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Clinical Toolkit	Senator Hayes	Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing the Dementia Services and Brain Health Program in the Maryland Department of Health to lead the State's public health efforts relating to brain health and dementia; requiring the Director of Dementia Services an...	Public health relevance. Statewide program changes may improve resident access to services and reduce downstream service demands.	Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council; establishing the Dementia Services and Brain Health Program in the Maryland Department of Health to lead the State's public health efforts relating to brain health and dementia; requir...	Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. Finance 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Monitor. Potential resident benefit; review fiscal note and program design.	Monitor	None	Pending

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SB0727 (HB1066)	Municipal Elections - Qualified Electronic Transmission Systems - Authorization for Use	Senator Lewis Young	Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission....	Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/25/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending
SB0922 (HB0831)	Collective Bargaining - Local Government Employees and Public Employee Relations Act	Senator Harris	Establishing collective bargaining rights for public local employees; applying the Maryland Public Employee Relations Act to county and municipal government employers and their employees; providing that a public employee may be deemed a certain management employee for purposes of establishing collective bargaining rights.	Direct local government relevance. Could affect Greenbelt's authority, administration, planning, or fiscal operations.	Establishing collective bargaining rights for public local employees; applying the Maryland Public Employee Relations Act to county and municipal government employers and their employees.	Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. Finance 3/12/2026 - 1:00 p.m.	Monitor closely; potential direct impact on City operations, authority, or election administration.	Monitor	None	Pending