



2026 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FINAL REPORT

PASSED

HB 329/SB 81 Criminal Law – School Resource Officers – Prohibition on Sexual Activity with Students

Sponsors: Delegates Karen Simpson, Kris Fair, Kenneth Kerr, and Emily Shetty; Senator Bill Folden
Lead Group: Maryland State’s Attorneys’ Association

This legislation closes a loophole in Maryland’s sexual offense statute by prohibiting sexual conduct between a school resource officer (SRO) and any student at the school to which the officer is assigned, recognizing the inherent power imbalance and duty of care owed to students.

HB 444/SB 245 Public Safety – Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition

Sponsors: Delegate Nicole Williams and 80 co-sponsors; Senators Will Smith, Bill Ferguson, and Karen Lewis Young
Lead Group: CASA

The legislation will sunset and prohibit 287(g) agreements in the state. These agreements allow for local law enforcement to be deputized by ICE to carry out immigration enforcement activities.

SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

HB 450/SB 294 Criminal Procedure – Protection of Identity of Victim of Sexual Assault or Stalking

Sponsors: Delegate Michele Guyton and 35 co-sponsors; Senator Sara Love
Lead Group: Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

This legislation protects identifying information of a victim of sexual assault from appearing in public court documents.

HB 497/SB 433 Family Law – Temporary and Final Protective Orders – Duration and Relief

Sponsors: Delegates Karen Simpson, Sean Stinnett, Gary Simmons, Gabriel Moreno, Kym Taylor, David Moon, and Jamila Woods; Senators Sara Love, Sheneka Henson, Shelly Hettleman, and Anthony Muse
Lead Group: Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV)

This legislation extends the current 7 days between temporary protection order hearings and final protection order hearings to 14 days. The bill was amended to eliminate the financial relief portion of the bill.

HB 935/SB 187 Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services – Female Incarcerated Individuals (The Monica Cooper Prerelease Act)

Sponsors: Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield; Senator Mary Washington
Lead Group: Women’s Prerelease Equity Coalition

This legislation requires specific processes for the construction of a prerelease facility for women including comprehensive rehabilitative services. This bill was heavily amended in the House and Senate.

NOT PASSED

HB 83/SB 20 Family and Law Enforcement Protection Act

Sponsors: Delegate Sandy Bartlett; Senator Shelly Hettleman
Lead Group: Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence

This bill would have closed the gaps in Maryland's protective order system by requiring earlier relinquishment and, when necessary, removal, of firearms from respondents to domestic violence protective orders.

HB 465/SB 295 Civil Actions – Immunity – Disclosure of Allegations of Sexually Assaultive Behavior (Stop Silencing Survivors Act)

Sponsors: Delegate Elizabeth Embry and 31 co-sponsors; Senators Sara Love, Dawn Gile, and Shelly Hettleman
Lead Group: Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)

This bill would have provided additional protections from retaliatory litigation for sexual assault survivors by establishing an immunity from liability for a person who discloses information about allegations of sexually assaultive behavior if the person acts in good faith.

HB 1131/SB _____ Public Health – Pregnancy Loss – Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)

Sponsor: Delegate Lesley Lopez
Lead Groups: Pregnancy Justice; Reproductive Justice Maryland

This bill would have prevented the criminalization of people for pregnancy outcomes, including miscarriage, stillbirth, or self-managed abortion. It would have further protected equitable, autonomous reproductive care in conjunction with Maryland's newly ratified constitutional amendment recognizing reproductive freedom as a fundamental right essential to liberty and equality.

HB 1198/SB _____ Civil Actions – Coerced Debt – Debtor Protections

Sponsors: Delegates Lesley Lopez, Lorig Charkoudian, Elizabeth Embry, and Emily Shetty
Lead Groups: Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV); Economic Action Maryland Fund

This bill would have allowed victims of coerced debt at the hands of their abuser to be freed from the debt while allowing the creator to go after the abusive person who actually caused the debt to be incurred.

WITHDRAWN

HB _____/SB _____ Prescription Privacy Protection Act for Abortion Medication

Sponsor: Delegate Joseline Pena-Melnyk
Lead Group: Women's Law Center of Maryland

This bill would have protected abortion providers from out-of-state criminal, civil, and administrative penalties (e.g. Texas) by shielding their identities, as pharmacies would be allowed to withhold a provider's name and identifying information from the prescription label of abortion medication.

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