



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of February 7, 2020

### WSSC Related Legislation

Bill #	Title (Sponsor)/Description	Position	Status/Notes
<a href="#">HB 276</a> (PG/MC 105-20)	<b>Income Tax – Subtraction Modification – Maryland–National Capital Park Police and Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission Police Force (Luedtke, Jackson, &amp; Zucker)</b> Includes WSSC Police and MNC Park Police Officers under the subtraction modification in Maryland Income Tax law.	Support  11/20/19	Hearings:  House Ways and Means 2/7/2020  Positions:  PGHD – FAV (1/24/2020) PGCC – FAV (2/4/2020) MCHD – FAV (1/17/2020) MCCC – Held (12/2/19)
<a href="#">HB 370</a> (PG/MC 102-20)	<b>Bicounty Commissions – Annual Reports – Conflicts of Interest and Lobbying (Carr)</b> Requires bicounty commissions to prepare an annual report on their conflicts of interest issues, lobbying activities before the commission, and regulations on those topics by April 15 each year. Also requires bicounty commissions to submit their annual reports to the governing body of each county in which the commission operates and publish the reports on the commission's website.	Support w/ Amendments  11/20/19	Hearings:  House Environment & Transportation  TBD  Positions:  PGHD – FWA (1/24/2020) PGCC – FWA – (2/4/2020) MCHD – FWA (1/17/2020) MCCC – Support w/ Amendment (12/2/19)
<a href="#">HB 1560</a> (PG/MC 103-20)	<b>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission – Discrimination – Prohibited (Carr &amp; Palakovich Carr)</b> Prohibits WSSC from discriminating against a person on basis of genetic information or presence of children and requires them to be included the nondiscrimination provision in WSSC contracts.	Support w/ Amendments  1/15/2020	Hearings:  House Health & Government Operations  TBD  Positions:  MCHD – FWA (1/24/2020) MCCC – Held (12/2/19) PGHD – FAA (2/7/2020) PGCC – FWA (2/4/2020)

## Legislation of Interest

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<a href="#">HB 8</a>	<b>Illegal Dumping and Litter Control Law – Yard Waste</b>  Creates a definition for the term “yard waste” and includes the term in the definition of “litter”. Establishes a penalty for a violation of Act.	Monitor	Hearings:  House Environment & Transportation  1/29/2020
<a href="#">HB 42</a>  (SB 67)	<b>Public Information Act – Applications for Inspection – Responses and Time Limits</b>  Alters the time periods associated with processing applications to inspect public records.	Monitor	Hearings:  House Health & Government Operations  2/11/2020
<a href="#">HB 84</a>  (SB 904)	<b>State Highway Administration - Construction and Maintenance - Permit Requirements (Nighttime Construction Noise Reduction Act)</b>  Prohibits the SHA from issuing a permit for work to be conducted on State highways between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. the following day unless a zoning official determines that issuing the permit is in the interest of public safety, health, or welfare.	Monitor	Hearings:  House Environment & Transportation  2/6/2020
<a href="#">HB 177</a>	<b>Environment - Water Infrastructure Assets - Authorization of Emergency Actions and Establishment of Emergency Reserve</b>  Authorizes MDE to take certain emergency actions to protect life, property, or the environment against risks arising from dams, reservoirs, and similar waterway constructions that are in imminent danger of failure.	Monitor	Hearings:  House Environment & Transportation (Appropriations)  2/18/2020

<p><a href="#">HB 190</a> (<a href="#">SB 348</a>)</p>	<p><b>Public Ethics – Officials and Lobbyists – Reporting of Ceremonial Gifts and Awards of Insignificant Monetary Value</b></p> <p>Provides that an official does not need to disclose the acceptance of a ceremonial gift or award of insignificant monetary value on their financial disclosure statement.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation  2/12/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 194</a> (<a href="#">SB 285</a>)</p>	<p><b>State Highway Administration - Highway Work Permits - Pedestrian Access (Pedestrian Access Act of 2020)</b></p> <p>Requires SHA to develop regulations for an entity that obtains a highway work permit to maintain pedestrian access at work sites that are within 2 miles of WMATA rail services or transit stations or MTA transit stations.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation  2/13/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 254</a> (PG 403-20)</p>	<p><b>Prince George's County – Cooperative Housing Corporations, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations – Reserve Studies (Holmes)</b></p> <p>Requires the governing body of certain cooperative housing Corporations in Prince George's County to conduct a reserve study of common elements.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation  TBD</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 340</a> (<a href="#">SB 274</a>)</p>	<p><b>State Government – Protection of Information – Revisions (Maryland Data Privacy Act)</b></p> <p>Requires certain units of State government to comply with certain standards and guidelines to ensure that the security of all information systems and applications is managed through a certain framework.</p> <p>As drafted, bill does not apply to bicounty agencies.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation  2/11/2020</p>

<p><a href="#">HB 380</a> (<a href="#">SB 193</a>)</p>	<p><b>Public Information Act - Denial of Part of a Public Record - Investigations by Inspectors General</b></p> <p>Authorizes a custodian to deny inspection of records of investigations conducted by or investigatory files compiled by an inspector general whose office is created by State law.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Health &amp; Government Operations 2/11/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 408</a></p>	<p><b>Public Utilities - Gas Service Regulator Safety (Flower Branch Act)</b></p> <p>Requires existing interior gas service regulators to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line, meter, or regulator is replaced. Additionally, requiring existing interior gas service regulators servicing a multifamily structure to be relocated outside on or before October 1, 2025.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Economic Matters 2/13/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 457</a> (<a href="#">SB 371</a>)</p>	<p><b>Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Testing for Elevated Level of Lead</b></p> <p>Alters the definition of "elevated level of lead" relating to testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in certain school buildings to be a lead concentration in drinking water that exceeds 5 parts per billion. The bill also requires periodic testing be conducted at least every 18 months rather than a frequency established through regulations.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation 2/19/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 458</a></p>	<p><b>Family Law - Minors - Emancipation (Emancipation of Minors Act of 2020)</b></p> <p>The bill extends the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for the emancipation of a minor.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Judiciary 2/6/2020</p>

<p><a href="#">HB 502</a> (<a href="#">SB 590</a>)</p>	<p><b>Public Information Act – Revisions</b></p> <p>Requires each official custodian to adopt a policy of proactive disclosure of available public records available for inspection. Requires each official custodian to publish an annual report online of the requests received during the previous calendar year. Requires the Public Information Act Compliance Board to receive, review, and resolve certain complaints from applicants and applicants' designated representatives and to receive and review complaints from any custodian alleging that an applicant's request or pattern of requests is frivolous or vexatious.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Health &amp; Government Operations 2/11/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 517</a></p>	<p><b>Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights</b></p> <p>Proposes an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person has the right to a certain clean and healthy environment. Establishes that every person has the right to intervene in an action brought by the State or a political subdivision of the State to protect certain rights.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Environment &amp; Transportation 2/19/2020</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 582</a> (<a href="#">SB 232</a>)</p>	<p><b>Procurement - Prevailing Wage – Applicability</b></p> <p>Repeals the 50% State funding limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>	<p>Hearings: House Economic Matters 2/11/2020</p>

<p><a href="#">HB 747</a> (<a href="#">SB 933</a>)</p>	<p><b>State and Local Procurement - Payment Practices</b></p> <p>Alters State policy to make a payment under a procurement contract or after receipt of a proper invoice in 15 days rather than the current policy of 30 days. Requires each county and municipality to adopt a certain policy. Reduces the number of days from 45 to 15 following receipt of an invoice after which the State owes interest on unpaid amounts and interest begins to accrue on unpaid amounts.</p>	<p>Monitor</p>	<p>Hearings: House Health &amp; Government Operations TBD</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 839</a> (<a href="#">SB 539</a>)</p>	<p><b>Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment</b></p> <p>Establishes the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, and the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment. Requires, beginning January 1, 2021, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>	<p>Hearings: House Economic Matters TBD</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 861</a></p>	<p><b>Public Utilities - Underground Facilities - Time-Sensitive Ticket</b></p> <p>Requires an owner-member whose underground facility provides broadband service to mark the location of the underground facility within 4 hours after a time-sensitive ticket is transferred to the owner-member.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>	<p>Hearings: House Economic Matters TBD</p>
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<a href="#">SB 414</a>	<b>State Finance and Procurement - Chesapeake Bay Watershed States - Expenses and Contracts (Quit Polluting My Bay Act of 2020)</b>  Prohibits a public body from awarding a certain procurement contract to a business from a state for which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has identified two or more pollution source sectors at a backstop actions level of oversight.	Under Review	Hearings:  Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs  TBD



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<p><a href="#">SB 628</a></p>	<p><b>Utilities – Surviving Spouse of Account Holder – Protections</b></p> <p>Requires a utility, on presentation of a death certificate and marriage certificate and without requiring certain information or imposing a fee or penalty, to temporarily keep a certain account open for 6 months or transfer a certain account to a surviving spouse.</p>	<p>Under Review</p>	<p>Hearings: Senate Finance 2/21/2020</p>

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### Positions

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### Websites

Maryland General Assembly: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>

- Session Calendar (PDF): <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs-current/current-session-dates.pdf>
- Track Legislation: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmTrackingMain.aspx?pid=trackpage>

Montgomery County Delegation: <http://www.montgomerycountydelegation.com/>

Prince George's County Delegation: <https://www.princegeorgeshousedelegation.com/>

### Key Dates

March 16, 2020 – Crossover

April 6, 2020 – Sine Die