MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SESSION 2023

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

As of January 20, 2023
(*Note: Bills and Position Statements are hyperlinked*)

WSSC Water Sponsored Legislation

Bill #	Title/Description	Position	Status/Notes
MC/PG 101-23	**Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program - Revisions and Extension** Updates, modernizes, streamlines, and strengthens provisions pertaining to WSSC Water's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Utilization Program, including extending the Office of Supplier Diversity and Inclusion's statutory authority to have an MBE program for five (5) years, ending on June 30, 2028.	**SUPPORT** (10/19/2022)	Hearings: PGHD Bi-County Committee 1/26/2023 9:00am MCHD Metro Washington Area Committee 1/16/2023 Hold Positions: MCCE – Support MCCC – Support

Positions

MCCC = Montgomery County Council: MCCE = Montgomery County Executive; MCHD = Montgomery County House Delegation; MCSD =Montgomery County Senate Delegation; PGCC = Prince George's County Council PGCE = Prince George's County Executive; PGHD = Prince George's House Delegation; PGSD = Prince George's Senate Delegation

Legislation of Interest

Bill #	Title/Description	Position	Status/Notes
HB 20	**Vehicle Laws – Horse Riding – Helmet Requirement for Minors (Lehman)** Prohibits an adult from allowing a minor to ride a horse on certain property unless the minor is wearing a helmet.	Monitor	Hearing: House Government and Operations

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HB 106 (SB 50)	**State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (Williams)** Prohibits the State (or any unit or instrumentality of the State) from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation (Maglev) transportation system located or to be located in the State. The bill does not apply to expenditures for the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for a Maglev transportation system.	Monitor	Hearing: House Environment and Transportation (Appropriations) 2/2/2023 1:00pm
HB 111 (SB 26)	**Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment (Charkoudian)** Requires the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll individuals, who meet certain financial eligibility requirements, in energy assistance programs.	Under Review	Hearing: House Government and Operations
HB 165	**General Provisions - Standard Time - Year-Round Daylight Saving Time (Crosby)** Alters the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year-round. The Act is contingent on the enactment of similar legislation by Delaware, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia by December 31, 2028.	Monitor	Hearing: House Government and Operations

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HB 181 (SB 197)	**Four–Day Workweek Pilot Program and Income Tax Credit – Established (Four–Day Workweek Act of 2023) (Stewart)** Establishes the Four-Day Workweek Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of promoting, incentivizing, and supporting the experimentation and study of the use of a 4-day workweek by private and public employers.	Under Review	Hearing: House Economic Matters (Ways and Means)
HB 207	**Courts - Prohibited Liability Agreements - Recreational Facilities (Moon)** Establishes that a provision in a contract or agreement relating to the use of a recreational facility that purports to release the recreational facility from, or indemnify or hold harmless the recreational facility against, liability for bodily injury is void and unenforceable when the bodily injury is caused by or results from the negligence or other wrongful act of the recreational facility or its agents or employees.	Under Review	Hearing: House Judiciary 2/1/2023 2:30 pm
SB 6	**Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans - Automatic Enrollment (McCray)** Requires the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2024.	Monitor	Hearing: Senate Budget and Taxation 1/19/2023 9:30 am

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SB 26 (HB 111)	**Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment (Augustine)** Requires the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll individuals, who meet certain financial eligibility requirements, in energy assistance programs.	Under Review	Hearing: Senate Finance 2/2/2023 1:00 pm
SB 50 (HB 106)	**State Finance – Prohibited Appropriations – Magnetic Levitation Transportation System (Williams)** Prohibits the State (or any unit or instrumentality of the State) from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation (Maglev) transportation system located or to be located in the State. The bill does not apply to expenditures for the salaries of personnel assigned to review permits or other forms of approval for a Maglev transportation system.	Monitor	Hearing: Senate Budget and Taxation (Education, Energy, and the Environment) 1/25/2023 2:00 pm
SB 81	**Labor and Employment - State Minimum Wage Rate - Acceleration (Fight for Fifteen Acceleration Act of 2023) (Waldstreicher)** Increases the State minimum wage rate to $15 for employers of 15 employees or more beginning on July 1, 2023, and repeals the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase to the State minimum wage rate.	Monitor	Hearing: Senate Finance

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SB 197 (HB 181)	**Four–Day Workweek Pilot Program and Income Tax Credit – Established (Four–Day Workweek Act of 2023) (Hettleman)** Establishes the Four-Day Workweek Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of promoting, incentivizing, and supporting the experimentation and study of the use of a 4-day workweek by private and public employers.	Under Review	Hearing: Senate Finance

Key Dates

- January 26, 2023 – Prince George's County Bi-County Committee Work Session – 9:00 am
- February 6, 2023 – House Bill Introduction Date
- February 10, 2023 – Senate Bill Introduction Date
- April 10, 2023 – Sine Die

Websites

- Maryland General Assembly: http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/
- 2023 Session Calendar (PDF): https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/Pubs/Other/2023rs-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/