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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0073 Oppose Letter Ready	Public Schools - Water Safety and Swimming Course - Established	Delegate Toles	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0278 (SB0113) Support Letter sent	Human Services - Department of Aging and Commission on Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)	Chair, Health Committee	In the House - Favorable with Amendments Report by Health	Health 2/05/2026 - 1:45 PM	
HB0390 (SB0282) See SB282	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2027)	Speaker	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations	
HB0462 (SB0567) Oppose Letter sent	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Delegate Long. R.	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	
HB0897 (SB0386) Monitor	Electricity Transmission and Distribution, Energy Storage, and Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund (Lower Bills and Local Power Act of 2026)	Speaker	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	

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HB0902 (SB0382) Monitor	Retire in Maryland Tax Relief Act	Delegate Roberts	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0943 (SB0592) Oppose	State Board of Education - Financial Literacy - Graduation Requirement	Delegate Forbes	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB1138 (SB0724) Support	State Retirement and Pension System – Cost-of-Living Adjustments – Clarification	Delegate Forbes	In the House - First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations	
HB1202 Oppose	Public Schools – Content Standards, Curriculum, and Bullying Policies – Culture and History of Palestine	Delegate Acevero	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	Ways and Means	
HB1407 Support	Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Notice of Timely Receipt	Delegate Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB1437 Support	Income Tax - Credit for Long-Term Care Premiums	Delegate Howard	In the House - First Reading Ways and Means	Ways and Means	
HJ0003	Elementary and Secondary Education -	Delegate Fair	In the House - First Reading House Rules	Rules and Executive Nominations	

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No position	Curriculum - Importance of Diversity		and Executive Nominations		
SB0044 Oppose Letter sent	State Retirement and Pension System - Forfeiture of Benefits	Senator Folden	In the Senate - Hearing 2/05 at 9:30 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/05/2026 - 9:30 AM	
SB0073 No Position	Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)	Senator Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	
SB0113 (HB0278) Support Letter sent	Human Services - Department of Aging and Commission on Aging (The Longevity Ready Maryland Act)	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m.	Finance 1/28/2026 - 2:00 PM	
SB0151 Support Letter sent	Income Tax - Credit for Individuals Residing with and Caring for Elderly Parents	Senator Folden	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 10:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation 1/21/2026 - 10:00 AM	

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SB0282 (HB0390) Oppose/passing costs to county Letter ready	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2027)	President	In the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation	
SB0382 (HB0902) Monitor	Retire in Maryland Tax Relief Act	Senator Watson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	
SB0567 (HB0462) Oppose Letter ready	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Senator Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
SB0592 (HB0943) Oppose	State Board of Education - Financial Literacy - Graduation Requirement	Senator Brooks	In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	