



LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

March 22, 2019

LEGISLATIVE SESSION “CROSSOVER DATE” IS MONDAY

Monday marks the 69th day of 90-day legislative session and the Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date. This requires that the House and Senate send over to the other chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably. It will also mark a steep drop in the number of new legislative items reported until the end of session on Monday, April 8th. Here are a few of the topics that have been mentioned previously and are still under consideration:

House Bill 824 – Guaranteed Access Grants – Verification and Administration by Institutions of Higher Education. This emergency bill authorizes USM institutions to verify the eligibility of an applicant for (and administer) the Guaranteed Access (GA) grant under the Educational Excellence Award (EEA) Program. A student may use a verification obtained from an institution at any institution at which a GA grant may be used. The amount of the GA grant awarded to an applicant may be adjusted in accordance with the cost of attendance (COA) at the institution at which the applicant uses the award. House Bill 824 will be heard on Wednesday, March 27th, in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee at 1p.m.

House Bill 41 and Senate Bill 88 – The Student Debt Relief Act of 2019 would expand the Maryland Promise Scholarship Program, which assists students in financial need to attend community college, to a Promise Plus Program that would support students who are successfully moving from a community college degree to a four-year institution. The bill is still under consideration and the USM urged a Favorable Report.

House Bill 270 and Senate Bill 491 – The Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act authorizes graduate assistants at the University System of Maryland (USM) to collectively bargain. House Bill 270 had its First Reading in the Senate and on March 15th and is awaiting a scheduled hearing in Senate Finance Committee. The USM urged an Unfavorable Report.

House Bill 482 – Income Tax Credit - Endowments of Maryland Historically Black Colleges and Universities creates a tax credit against the state income tax for 25% of a donation made to a qualified permanent endowment fund at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, or University of Maryland Eastern Shore. The Comptroller’s Office (1) may award a maximum of \$240,000 in tax credits in each year and (2) is required to adopt regulations to implement the tax credit application, approval, and monitoring processes. The bill takes effect July 1, 2019 and applies to tax years 2019 through 2023. The bill terminates December 31, 2023. House Bill 482 was heard yesterday in Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

Senate Bill 719 and House Bill – University System of Maryland Board of Regents Transparency and Oversight. The bill alters the membership of the Board of Regents of the USM to include the Secretary of Commerce (ex officio), two members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, and one additional student member. The bill also requires the Board to make certain meetings available to the public by live and archived video streaming. Senate Bill 719 is scheduled for a hearing in House Appropriations Committee on Tuesday, March 26th at 1p.m.

Senate Bill 798 and House Bill 876 – Policy on Student Concerns About Athletic Programs and Activities. The bill requires, by October 1, 2019, each institution of higher education to develop and adopt a written policy for receiving and addressing student concerns about the institution’s athletic programs. Each institution and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) must submit the policy and report the number of students who shared concerns under the policy during the preceding fiscal year. Senate Bill 798 will be heard in House Appropriations on Tuesday, March 26th, at 1p.m.

Senate Bill 755 and House Bill 658 – Interagency Agreements – Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Goals. Last year’s fiscal 2019 Budget Bill (Chapter 570 of 2018) required that all state agencies and public institutions of higher education report on all interagency agreements more than \$100,000 and required DBM to submit a consolidated report on these agreements by December 1, 2018. It also requires that all new higher education interagency agreements with state agencies more than \$500,000 for fiscal 2019 be approved by DBM. The language established a goal that state agencies award 5% of total interagency agreement expenditures to Historically Black Institutions unless a waiver is granted following demonstration of good-faith efforts to comply. DBM is required to create a master list of services offered by each higher education institution and report on the extent to which agencies met the goal. This bill puts into law this existing program.

UNFAVORABLE REPORTS RE-CAP FROM LAST WEEK:

House Bill 767 and Senate 696 would have required the Chancellor of the USM to act on behalf of USM and its constituent institutions, rather than the institutions' presidents under current law, for the purposes of collective bargaining. The bill would have also revoked the authority of the 12 USM institution presidents to designate a representative to negotiate on behalf of their institution. The House bill received an unfavorable report in House Appropriations and was subsequently withdrawn by the sponsor. **House Bill 1047** – creating a task force to study the admission practices at USM institutions – received an unfavorable report. **House Bill 328** (financial aid reductions) and **House Bill 548** (collective bargaining for student athletes) were both given unfavorable reports by the House Appropriations committee.

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Bill/	title	cmte	hearing	position/notes	action
SB 12 Dept	Capital Projects-Inclusion of Public Art	FIN to House APP	Passed Senate	NP	Amended to apply to projects 100% state funded or half state half private funded
SB 16 Serafini	Wkgrp on Categories for Funding Priorities	B&T	1/30 2:00 pm	NP	
SB 17 Kagan	State Contracts-Reimbursement of Nonprofit Indirect Costs	EHE to House HGO	FAV with amend House	Support with amendment	
SB 34 Young	Tourist Area Corridor Prg-Attraction Signs	FIN	UNFAV	NP	
SB 38 (HB 56) Serafini	Paid Leave-Emp with Onsite Health Clinic-Exemption	FIN	1/31 1:00 pm	monitor	
SB 51 Dept	Heritage Areas-Target Investment Zones-Repeal	FIN to House E&T	Passed Senate	NP	
SB 53 Dept	Energy Performance Contracts	FIN to House HGO	FAV House	NP	
SB 55 Dept	Central Depository	EHE to House E&T	Passed Senate	NP	
SB 74 Dept	Higher Ed-Firefighter Scholarship	EHE to House APP	Passed Senate	NP	
SB 85	CDAC-Annual Estimate	B&T to	Passed	NP	

Kagan		House APP	Senate		
SB 88 (HB 41) Admin	Student Debt Relief Act	EHE /B&T	2/20 1:00 pm	support/Will testify	USM panel
SB 92 (HB 45) Admin	Accountability in Education	EHE B&T	2/6 1:00 pm	monitor	
SB 108 (HB 104) Reilly	Income Tax-Sub Mod for Higher Ed Expenses	B&T	2/6 2:00 pm	monitor	Raises deduction from 2.5K to 5K
SB 112 (HB 58) Pres	Mandated Reports-Commissions, Councils and Cmtes	Rules	Returned passed	NP	
SB 125 (HB 100) Admin	Budget Bill	B&T	schedule		
SB 126 (HB 101) Admin	Capital Budget Bill	B&T	schedule		
SB 167 (HB 152) Admin	P-Tech Expansion	EHE	UNFAV	monitor	UMB letter of support
SB 169 (HB 158) Admin	Personnel Recruitment Modernization	FIN	UNFAV	Monitor	

SB 175 Admin (HB 235)	MD Tech Infrastructure Program	FIN	2/12 1:00 pm	support/testify	USM will testify
SB 193 (HB 98) Klausmeier	Retiree Prescription Drug Plan	B&T	3/1 1:00 pm	monitor/support with amendment	
SB 201 Pinsky	UMUC Renaming	EHE to House APP	FAV House	Letter of support (USM)	Letter of support from MHEC
SB 240 (HB 268) Edwards	MD Community College Promise Scholarship Program - Alterations	B&T to House APP	FAV House	NP	
SB 243 Kramer	Small Business Development Center Network Fund	B&T	2/5 1:00 pm	Support	UMCP will draft letter for USM submittal
SB 244 Kramer	Individuals Working in STEM Fields – Student Loan 3 Payments	B&T	Passed Senate	monitor	
SB 260 Pinsky	Maryland Community College Promise Scholarships – Revisions	B&T to House APP	Passed Senate	NP	
SB 280 (HB 166) McCray	Minimum Wage Increase	FIN	Passed Enrolled	Letter of information	Submit letter
SB 314 (HB 136) Lam	Energy–Conserving and Bird–Safe Building 3 Standards	EHE to House HGO	Passed Senate	Monitor	

SB 330 Smith	Public Buildings Diaper-Changing Facilities	JPR	Passed Senate	Letter of information	USM to submit
SB 332 Kramer	Procurement – Chesapeake Bay Watershed Expenses and Contracts	EHE	UNFAV	Monitor	
SB 375 (HB 483) Zucker	Service Contracts – Work Verification Clause	EHE	UNFAV	NP	
SB 396 (HB 633) Elfreth	Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings	EHE to House APP	FAV with amend House	Support	USM to draft letter
SB 400 (HB 461) Pinsky	MHEC - Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education - Regulation	EHE to House APP	FAV House	monitor	
SB 429 (HB 452) Gallion	Procurement Contracts – Architectural and Engineering Services – Indemnity Clauses	EHE	UNFAV	NP	
SB 432 NathPulliam	Cyber Warrior Diversity Program – Revisions	EHE to House APP	Passed Senate	monitor	
SB 461 (HB 79) Waldstreicher	Early Voting Centers-Establishment and Hours	EHE	UNFAV	NP/Monitor	
SB 473 Kramer	Hate Crimes-Civil Remedy	JPR	UNFAV	NP	
SB 491	Collective Bargaining-Graduate Assistants	FIN	3/7	Oppose-testify	

(HB 270) Rosapepe			1:00 pm	with panel	
SB 515 Ferguson	Community Colleges-Workforce Readiness Grant	EHE	Passed Senate	NP	
SB 534 Lam	Diaper-Changing Facilities in Restrooms	JPR	withdrawn	monitor	Letter of information
SB 537 (HB 262) Lam	Tuition Rates-Exemptions	EHE to House APP	FAV House	Support letter	Revise 2018 letter
SB 556 (HB 57) Pres	Workplace Bullying	FIN	withdrawn	Oppose/Amend	Intention of legislature
SB 558 (HB 1226) Rosapepe	Community Career Centers for 21st Century Jobs	FIN	3/15 1:00 pm	NP	
SB 581 (HB 1260) Ferguson	Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program	B&T	2/26 1:00 pm	support	
SB 599 (HB 1273) Nathan-Pulliam	Immigration Enforcement-Boards of Ed, Higher Ed, Hospitals	JPR/EHE	2/27 1:00 pm	monitor	
SB 608 (HB 305) Hester	Maryland Food for Maryland Institutions Task Force	EHE	2/12 1:00 pm	NP	
SB 617 Rosapepe	Free College, Career Skills and Youth	EHE	3/6	NP	

	Apprenticeship Act		1:00 pm		
SB 696 (HB 767) Kramer	Collective Bargaining-USM Chancellor-Negotiations	FIN	3/7 1:00 pm	oppose-testify	
SB 711 (HB 822) Beidle	USM-Regular Employees-Grievance Procedures	FIN	3/7 1:00 pm	oppose	Proposed previously-did not work
SB 714 Carozza	Higher Ed-Student Drug Use-Parent Notification	EHE	UNFAV	Support with amend	Submit letter with concerns
SB 717 Washington	Independent Higher Ed-Police Force	JPR	withdrawn	Monitor-may be more of a USM issue	
SB 719 (HB 533) Elfreth	USM-Board of Regents-Transparency and Oversight	EHE	Passed Senate	Letter of information	Submit with concern re student reps
SB 755 (HB 658) Peters	Interagency Agreements-HBCU's-Goals	EHE	3/5 1:00 pm	Letter of information	USM resubmit letter from 2018
SB 795 (HB 1163) Hayes	Qualified Maryland Opportunity Zones Investments	B&T	3/8 1:00 pm	monitor	
SB 798 (HB 876) Hayes	Higher Ed-Policy on Student Concerns about Athletic Programs	EHE	Passed Senate	Support with amend	TU will testify

SB 858 Zirkin	Medical Cannabis Commission-Academic Uses-Medical Uses and Properties of Cannibus	JPR	Passed Senate		
SB 897 Ferguson	UMD Joint Steering Council	B&T to House Rules	Passed Senate	support	
SB 843 Carter	Baltimore City Community Oversight and Accountability Commission	JPR	3/7 12:00 pm		
SB 912 (HB 686)	Paid Leave-Absence Control Policy	FIN	3/19 1:00 pm		
SB 979 (HB 413) Carter	Personnel and Investigatory Records-Complaints Against Employees	EHE	withdrawn	oppose	
SB 990 Ferguson	State Budget	Rules			
SB 1029 Hershey	Rural Institutions-Nurse Practitioners and Physicians Assistants-Recruitment	EHE	3/20 1:00 pm		
SB 1030 (HB1413) Miller	Blueprint for MD Future	EHE/B&T	3/6 1:00 pm		
SB 1032 Nathan Pulliam	Morgan State-Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity	EHE	3/20 1:00 pm		
SB 1040 (HB1407)	BRFA	B&T	3/13 1:00 pm		

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SB 1046 Nathan Pulliam	Study of Diversity of Employees in State Agencies	FIN	3/20 1:00 pm		

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Bill	title	cmte	hearing	position/notes	action
HB 4 Chang	Hate Crimes-Use of Noose/Swastika to threaten or intimidate	JUD to Senate JPR	Passed House	NP	
HB 24 Glenn	Public Wk Contract-OSH requirements	ECM	withdrawn	NP	
HB 41 (SB 88) Admin	Student Debt Relief Act	APP W&M	2/28 1:00 pm	support	USM letter
HB 45 (SB 92) Admin	Accountability in Education	W&M	3/7 1:00 pm	monitor	
HB 48 Grammer	ESports Act	W&M to Senate B&T	Passed House	monitor	
HB 56 (SB 38) Wivell	Paid Leave-Employers with Onsite Health Clinics-Exemption	ECM	1/24 1:00 pm	monitor	
HB 57 (SB 556) Spkr	State Govt-Workplace Bullying	Rules	withdrawn	oppose/amend	Intention of Legislature
HB 58 (SB 112) Spkr	Mandated Reports-Commissions, Councils and Cmtes	Rules	2/25 2:00 pm	NP	

HB 79 (SB 461) Luedtke	Early Voting Centers-Establishment and Hours	W&M to Senate EHE	Passed House	NP/monitor	
HB 91 Carr	P3-Presolicit Reports-Env impact Statements	APP E&T	1/22 10:30 am	monitor	
HB 98 (SB 193) Bromwell	Retiree Prescription Drug Plan	APP	Hearing cancelled	Monitor or support with Amendments. Admin funding for this fiscal year.	
HB 100 (SB 125) Admin	Budget Bill	APP	schedule	Passed 3rd read	
HB 101 (SB 126) Admin	Capital Budget	APP	schedule		
HB 104 (SB 108) Malone	Income Tax-Sub Mod for Higher Educ Expenses	W&M APP	2/6 1:00 pm	support	Raises deduction from 2.5K to 5K
HB 118 Washington	Senate/Del Scholarship-In-State Tuition	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	NP	For dreamers
HB 136 (SB 314) Hill	Energy Conserving and Bird Safe Buildings	HGO APP	2/5 1:00 pm	NP	Check with folds - may not apply to USM.
HB 152 Admin	P-Tech Expansion	W&M APP	3/7 1:00 pm	Monitor	

(SB 167)					
HB 166 (SB 280) Fennell	Minimum Wage Increase	ECM to Senate FIN	Passed Enrolled	Letter of information	
HB 205 Healy	Academic Forgiveness Policy	APP	UNFAV	Oppose - campuses may need flexibility	
HB 240 (SB 232) Rosenbrg	Hate Crimes - Threats and Penalties	JUD to Senate JPR	Passed House	NP	
HB 262 (SB 537) Luedtke	Higher Education - Tuition Rates - Exemptions	APP	FAV	Support-letter	Revise 2018 letter
HB 268 (SB 240) Beitzel	MD Community College Promise Scholarship Program – Alterations	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	NP	
HB 270 (SB 491) Korman	Higher Education – Collective Bargaining – Graduate Assistants	APP to Senate FIN	Passed House	Oppose-Testify with panel	
HB 305 (SB 608) Charkoudian	Maryland Food for Maryland Institutions Task Force	HGO	withdrawn	NP	
HB 318 Sydnor	– Residency Requirement – Determination of In–State Tuition Status	APP	withdrawn	Oppose-testify	Need info on 9-step process

HB 319 (SB 201) McIntosh	University of Maryland University College – Renaming	APP to Senate EHE	Passed Senate	Support with amend	
HB 320 (SB 455) Wilkins	2020 Census Count Commission	E&T	withdrawn	Support with amend to add USM	
HB 321 Stein	State Government – Written Policies for Public Communications	HGO	withdrawn	NP	
HB 328 Ebersole	Institutions of Higher Education – Financial Aid Reductions – Notice	APP	UNFAV	Oppose	USM letter
HB 365 (SB 17) Bagnall	State Grants/Contracts – Reimburse of Nonprofit Indirect Costs	HGO to Senate EHE	Passed House	Support-offer amendment	Draft amendment review with Kagan
HB 413 Barron	Personnel and Investigatory Records Formal Complaints Public Employees	HGO	withdrawn	Oppose	USM letter
HB 440 Harrison	Pathways in Technology Early College High (P–TECH) Expansion	W&M APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	NP	
HB 452 (SB 429) Krebs	Procurement – Arch/Engineering Services – Indemnity Clauses	HGO	2/19 1:00 pm	NP	Check with procurement
HB 461	Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher	APP to	Passed	monitor	

(SB 400) Hettleman	Education - Regulation	Senate EHE	House		
HB 482 Mosby	Tax Credit – Endowments of HBCU’s	W&M to Senate B&T	Passed House	NP	
HB 483 (SB 375) Kipke	Service Contracts – Work Verification Clause	HGO	withdrawn	NP	
HB 490 Hornberger	Prescription Drug Plan – Termination of Coverage for Retirees-Exemptions and Alterations	APP	3/5 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 491 Hettleman	State Contractual Employees – Paid Leave	APP	2/21 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 533 (SB 719) Barnes, B	USM Board of Regents-Transparency and Oversight	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	Letter of information	
HB 548 Lierman	Collective Bargaining-Student Athletes	APP	withdrawn	oppose	Submit letter
HB 633 (SB 396) Lierman	Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	Support	Submit letter
HB 658 (SB 755) ValentinoSmith	Interagency Agreement-HBCUs-Goals	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	Letter of information	USM resubmit letter from 2018
HB 716	Protection of Information-Revisions	HGO to	Passed	Letter of	

Dept		Senate Rules	House	information	
HB 739 (SB 470) Mangione	Commercial Gaming-Sports Wagering	W&M	3/6 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 766 Haynes	Community Colleges-Collective Bargaining	APP	2/26 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 767 (SB 696) Barnes, B	USM Chancellor-Collective Bargaining Negotiations	APP	withdrawn	Oppose/testify	USM panel
HB 779 Haynes	HBCU's-Funding	APP	2/28 1:00 pm	monitor	
HB 804 Impallaria	Delegate and Senatorial Scholarships-CC cert and lic courses	APP	3/7 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 822 (SB 711) Hettleman	USM-Regular Employees-Grievance Procedures	APP to Senate FIN	Passed House	Oppose	
HB 876 (SB 798) Hettleman	Student Concerns about Athletic Programs and Activities	APP to Senate EHE	Passed House	Support with amend	TU to testify
HB 890 Long	Tax Free Period-University and College Text Books	W&M	2/27 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 963 Ebersole	Expansion of Commercial Gaming-Referendum Sports Wagering	W&M	3/6 1:00 pm		

HB 994 (SB 839) Mosby	Labor and Employment-Criminal Records Screening Process-Ban the Box	ECM to Senate FIN	Passed House		
HB 1004 Parrott	Retiree Health Benefit Program-Reimbursement	APP	2/26 1:00 pm		
HB 1033 Cox	State Prescription Drug Benefits-Retiree Benefits-Alterations	APP	2/26 1:00 pm		
HB 1040 Stewart	Exemptions from Overtime Pay	ECM	UNFAV		
HB 1047 Bhandari	TF to study Admissions Practices at Public Institutions	APP	withdrawn	Letter of information	
HB 1073 (SB 616) Lisanti	Joint Committee on Workforce Development	ECM	Hearing cancelled		
HB 1115 (SB 515) Solomon	Workforce Readiness Grant Program	APP	2/21 1:00 pm	NP	
HB 1118 Solomon	Playground and Athletic Field Surfaces	APP	3/12 1:00 pm		
HB 1120 Carey	Prescription Drug Benefits-Retiree Benefits-Revisions	APP	2/26 1:00 pm		
HB 1142 Lehman	Disposal of Turf and Turf Infill	E&T	withdrawn		
HB 1143	Collective Bargaining-Tenured Faculty,	APP	3/1	Oppose/testify	USM panel

Acevero	Adjunct and Grad Students		1:00 pm		
HB 1161 (SB 574) Qi	Small Business Innovation Research and Tech Transfer Program	W&M	3/1 1:00 pm		
HB 1168 (Rose)	Career and Technical Education Expansion Grant	W&M	2/28 1:00 pm	Monitor	
HB 1226 (SB 558) Qi	Community Career Centers for 21st Century Jobs	ECM	withdrawn	NP	
HB 1236 Queen	Certification of Pay Equity Compliance	HGO	3/11 1:00 pm		
HB 1237 Rosenberg	Technology Internship Program-Qualifications for Participation	APP			
HB 1244 (SB 330) Acevero	Public Buildings-Diaper Changing Facilities	HGO to Senate JPR	Passed House	Letter of information	
HB 1260 (SB 581) Lierman	Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program	W&M	3/8 1:00 pm	Support	
HB 1273 (SB 599) Wilkins	Immigration Enforcement-Boards of Ed, Higher Education and Hospitals	JUD to Senate JPR/EHE	Passed House	Monitor	
HJ 6 Hornberger	Publishers of Academic Publications-Coalition S and Plan S	Rules	2/25 1:00 pm		

HB 1352 Dept	USM Academic Facilities Bonds-Authority	APP to Senate B&T	Passed House		
HB 1365 (HB 502) Corderman	Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship	Rules			
HB 1407 McIntosh	BRFA	APP	Passed 2nd read		
HB 1413 (SB 1030) Speaker	Blueprint for MD Future	W&M APP	3/13 1:00 pm		