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## WELCOME BACK TO THE USM LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

Each Friday afternoon the University System of Maryland (USM) Office of Government Relations produces a newsletter for individuals interested in the political and policy debates in Annapolis. The e-newsletter highlights selected briefings, hearings, and legislative activities while the General Assembly is in session. USM encourages recipients to share the Friday newsletter with those in your campus community who may have an interest in Annapolis deliberations.

Although the distribution list has grown during the years, campus officials are reminded their first and best source of legislative information is the institution's designated member to the State Relations Council (SRC). Please take advantage of their expertise and experience about the legislative session. If you need the contact information for your respective campus representative in Annapolis, do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking for more information about a bill? The official website of the Maryland General Assembly is here: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/> and all bill hearings can be viewed live at <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Information/YouTubeChannelInfo>

## BILL TRACKING, USM POSITION DEVELOPMENT AND TESTIMONY

The 2021 witness testimony guidelines have moved entirely online. The process for submitting written and oral testimony has changed from the morning of a hearing to two (2) full business days before hearing between the hours of 10am-3pm. Oral testimony is also limited to the number of speakers in both the House and the Senate. In the past, the USM could arrange for a panel of speakers on a particular bill. Now, it is inherent upon **anyone** providing written and/or oral testimony to register and sign-up individually through an account called MyMGA at the top right corner of the General Assembly's website. If you think you may be called to testify alongside someone on your respective campus or the Chancellor's Office, you must have your own password-protected account at MYMGA.

As of today, the SRC has identified more than 40 bills that have varying impact on the USM. The Legislative Newsletter will grow longer as more bills are introduced, hearings are scheduled, and testimony is given.

## **UPCOMING BUDGET HEARINGS**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**University System of Maryland Overview**

**House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development (Subcommittee)**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Friday, February 5, 2021**

**Higher Education Overview**

**House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development (Subcommittee)**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee**

**1:30 p.m.**

## **UPCOMING BILL HEARINGS**

HB0216 (SB0155)

**Higher Education - Tuition Exemption for Foster Care Recipients and Homeless Youth - Alterations and Reports**

Delegate Valentino-Smith

In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0460

**Transfer with Success Act**

Delegate Solomon

In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0486 (SB0009)

**State Employees - Collective Bargaining - Applicability, Bargaining Processes, and Memorandums of Understanding**

Delegate Solomon

In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0047

**Public Institutions of Higher Education – Contracts – Prohibition**

Delegate Ivey

In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0670

**Police Reform and Accountability Act of 2021**

Speaker

In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.

Judiciary

HB0046 (SB0584)

**Education - Student Horizon Database and Scorecard (Students Right to Know Act of 2021)**

Delegate Griffith

In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0184

**University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland - Board Membership – Alterations**

Delegate Ivey

In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

Appropriations

HB0183 (SB0449)

**Public Information Act – Revisions (Equitable Access to Records Act)**

**Delegate Lierman**

In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 1:30 p.m.

Health and Government Operations

SB0049 (HB0038)

**State Government - Department of Information Technology – Cybersecurity**

Senator Lee

In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 2:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

2/02/2021 - 2:00 PM

SB0283 (HB0156)

**Student and Military Voter Empowerment Act**

Senator Elfreth

In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 11:00 a.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB0364

**Baltimore City – Civil Claims Against Law Enforcement Officers of an Institution of Higher Education – Prohibition Against Nondisclosure Provision in Settlement Agreement**

Senator McCray

In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.

Judicial Proceedings