



# Maryland Nurses Legislative Presentation

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Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities



# Presentation Overview

- Overview of the 2014 Legislative Session
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- Your Involvement
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  - Additional advocacy opportunities
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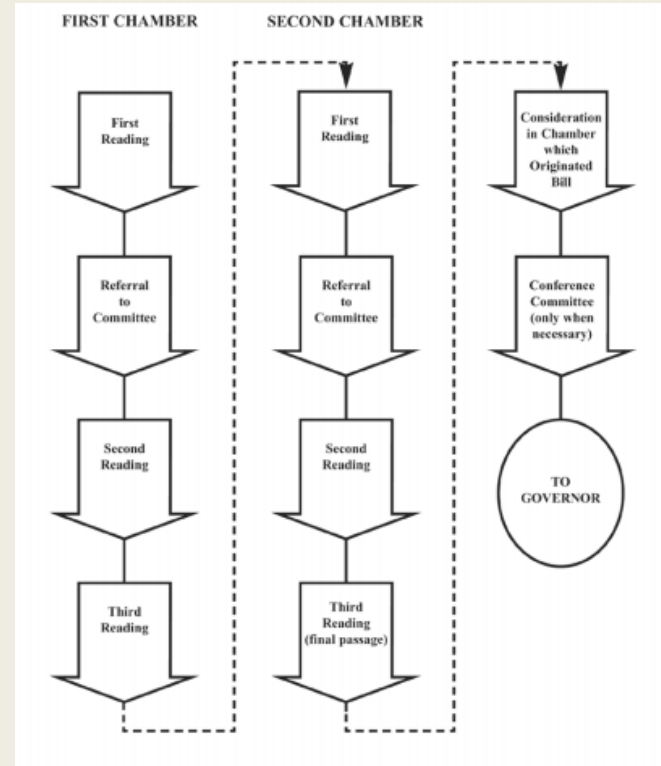
# The 2014 Legislative Session

- Jan. 8 to April 7, 2014 (90 days)
- Jan. 21: bills should be requested by legislators by this date
- Jan. 31: introduction deadline for Senate
- Feb. 7: introduction deadline for House
- **Feb. 17: Nurses Lobby Night in Annapolis**
- Mar. 3: last day bills can be introduced without suspension of the rules
- Mar. 24: crossover deadline
- April 7: adjournment
  
- May 27: governor must sign or veto bills by this date
- Oct. 1: effective date for most non-finance bills

During the 2013 session, 2,610 bills were introduced, 766 passed.

# The Process

- Legislator introduces a bill
- Bill is assigned to a committee for review
- Committee hearing open to the public
- Committee vote: favorable (with or without amendments), unfavorable, or without recommendation
- Second reading: open to amendment from the floor
- 3rd reading: floor vote
- If passed at 3rd reading in one chamber, goes to second chamber
- REPEAT PROCESS
- If passed at 3rd reading in second chamber, considered again in first chamber
- If accepted, sent to Governor for signature



# Your Involvement

- Legislators will likely have introduced the majority of legislation before Lobby Day.
- Use the Maryland General Assembly website to keep track of legislation that is relevant to your interests.
  - Google search: “Maryland General Assembly”
  - [mgaleg.maryland.gov](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov)
- Individuals or groups can discuss legislation with legislators or their staff.
- Individuals and organizations can submit written or oral testimony for a committee hearing.

# Tracking Bills: Option 1

Sign up for email alerts:

The screenshot displays the Maryland General Assembly website interface. At the top, the logo for the General Assembly of Maryland is visible, along with navigation links for the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch. A search bar is present with the text "--Search--". Below the search bar is a horizontal menu with tabs for Home, Schedules, Legislation by Session, Budget, Statutes, Legislators, Committees, Publications, and Legislative Services. Social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube are also present.


The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled "About Legislation", provides information on bills introduced during the 2014 Regular Session, categorized by Senate (SB0001 - SB0130) and House (HB0001 - HB0106). It also includes a section for "Status of All Legislation" with links for Senate and House. A "Note" section at the bottom left explains that information may not be available for all numbers and that sponsorship is listed with the official title of the legislator.


The right column, titled "Look Up - 2014 Regular Session", contains a search form with several fields: Number, Sponsor, Broad Subjects (File Code), Narrow Subjects (One or Two), Browse Subject Thesaurus, Committee, Statute Affected, and Legislation List. Each field has a search icon to its right. Below these fields is a "Change Session:" dropdown menu set to "2014 Regular Session". To the right of this dropdown is a red circle highlighting a button labeled "Track Items of Interest" with a pushpin icon. Further right is another search bar labeled "Legislation 2014 Regular Session:" with the text "--Search--".


# Tracking Bills: Option 2


## Track Bills Manually:



**Look Up - 2013 Regular Session**


**Number:**  


**Sponsor:**  


**Broad Subjects:**    
(File Code)


**Narrow Subjects:**    
(One or Two)


**Browse Subject Thesaurus:**   [Legislation by Popular Terms](#) 

**Committee:**  

**Statute Affected:**  

**Legislation List:**  

**Change Session:**  

**Legislation 2013 Regular Session:**  

# Tracking Bills: Option 2

## Track Bills Manually: (continued)

HB0860 (CH0647) 2013 Regular Session

Entitled: Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013  
 Sponsored by: Baltimore City Delegation  
 Status: Approved by the Governor - Chapter 647

Summary Documents History

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to issue bonds to finance the construction of or improvements to specified Baltimore City public school facilities in accordance with a specified 10-year plan for Baltimore City schools and subject to specified limitations; specifying that the Authority and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall be responsible for specified public school facilities construction and improvement projects; etc.

**Analysis:** Fiscal and Policy Note

**All Sponsors:** Baltimore City Delegation

**Additional Facts:** Cross-filed with: SB0743  
 Bill File Type: Regular  
 Effective Date(s): July 1, 2013, July 1, 2014  
 Bill imposes a mandated appropriation in the annual State Budget Bill

**Committee(s):** Appropriations Budget and Taxation

**Broad Subject(s):** Education - Miscellaneous  
 Capital Budget

**Narrow Subject(s):** Administrative Agencies -see also- Electronic Government  
 Advertising  
 Appropriations

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Summary Documents History

**Document Name**

- Amendments Senate - (Budget and Taxation) {169739/01 Adopted
- Amendments House - (Appropriations) {124761/01 Adopted
- Amendments House - (Delegate O'Donnell) {483424/01 Rejected
- Amendments House - (Delegate Krebs) {483626/01 Rejected
- Amendments House - (Delegate McDonough) {493629/01 Rejected
- Amendments House - (Appropriations) {804863/01 Adopted

**Analysis:** - Bill as Amended in House  
 Analysis - Fiscal and Policy Note  
 Text - First - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013  
 Text - Third - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013  
 Text - Enrolled - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013  
 Text - Chapter - Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act of 2013  
 Vote - House - Committee - Appropriations  
 Vote - Senate - Committee - Budget and Taxation  
 Vote - House Floor - Motion Special Order until 3/21 (Krebs) Adopted (123-11) - 03/17/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Floor Amendment (Krebs) {483626/1 Rejected (41-92) - 03/18/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Floor Amendment (McDonough) {493629/1 Rejected (42-88) - 03/18/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Floor Amendment (O'Donnell) {483424/1 Rejected (41-93) - 03/18/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Motion to not allow Laid Over (Haynes) Adopted (94-43) - 03/19/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Third Reading Passed (107-30) - 03/19/13  
 Vote - House Floor - Third Reading Passed (102-30) - 03/27/13  
 Vote - Senate Floor - Third Reading Passed (40-7) - 03/26/13

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Summary Documents History

Chamber	Calendar Date	Legislative Date	Action	Proceedings
House	2/7/2013	2/7/2013	First Reading Appropriations	
	2/20/2013	2/20/2013	Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.	
	3/20/2013	3/20/2013	Favorable with Amendments Report by Appropriations	
	3/20/2013	3/17/2013	Favorable with Amendments {124761/1 Report Adopted	50
			Floor Committee Amendment {804863/1 Adopted	50
			Special Order until next session (Delegate Jones) Adopted	50
			Special Order until 3/21 (Delegate Krebs) Adopted (123-11)	60A
	3/21/2013	3/19/2013	Floor Amendment (Delegate Krebs) {483626/1 Rejected (41-92)	51
			Floor Amendment (Delegate McDonough) {493629/1 Rejected (42-88)	51
			Floor Amendment (Delegate O'Donnell) {483424/1 Rejected (41-93)	51
			Second Reading Passed with Amendments	51
	3/22/2013	3/19/2013	Motion Laid Over (Delegate Steliga)	52
			Motion to not allow Laid Over (Delegate Haynes) Adopted (94-43)	52
			Third Reading Passed (107-30)	52
Senate	3/25/2013	3/21/2013	First Reading Budget and Taxation	52
	3/25/2013	3/25/2013	Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.	
	3/29/2013	3/29/2013	Favorable with Amendments Report by Budget and Taxation	
	3/29/2013	3/25/2013	Favorable with Amendments {169739/1 Report Adopted	56
			Second Reading Passed with Amendments	56
	3/29/2013	3/26/2013	Third Reading Passed with Amendments (40-7)	57
House	4/2/2013	3/27/2013	House Concur - Senate Amendments	60A
			Third Reading Passed (102-30)	60A
			Passed Enrolled	60A
Post Passage	5/16/2013	5/16/2013	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 647	

How a Bill Becomes Law Legislative Lingo Explanation of Floor Motions and Actions



# Committee Information

- When tracking bills, note which committees the bills are assigned to.
- Look up committee information on the General Assembly website:

on by Session | Budget | Statutes | Legislators | **Committees** | Publications | Legislative Se

## Committee List

Senate Standing	House Standing	Senate Special	House Special	Senate Select	House Delegation	Statutory	Joint	Sp Joi
<b>Senate Standing</b>				<b>Chair</b>		<b>Vice Chair</b>		
Budget and Taxation				Kasemeyer, Edward J.		McFadden, Nathaniel J.		
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs				Conway, Joan Carter		Dyson, Roy P.		
Executive Nominations				Kelley, Delores G.		DeGrange, James E., Sr.		
Finance				Middleton, Thomas M.		Astle, John C.		
Judicial Proceedings				Frosh, Brian E.		Gladden, Lisa A.		
Rules				Klausmeier, Katherine		Frosh, Brian E.		

<b>House Standing</b>				<b>Chair</b>		<b>Vice Chair</b>		
Appropriations				Conway, Norman H.		Proctor, James E., Jr.		
Economic Matters				Davis, Dereck E.		Rudolph, David D.		
Environmental Matters				McIntosh, Maggie		Malone, James E., Jr.		
Health and Government Operations				Hammen, Peter A.		Pendergrass, Shane E.		
Rules and Executive Nominations				Healey, Anne		Walker, Jay		
Judiciary				Vallario, Joseph F., Jr.		Dumais, Kathleen M.		
Ways and Means				Hixson, Sheila E.		Turner, Frank S.		

## mental Affairs

Main

Session Legislation

Schedule

Membership

<b>Chair:</b>	Senator Joan Carter Conway
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Senator Roy P. Dyson
<b>Address:</b>	2 West Miller Senate Building Annapolis, MD 21401
<b>Phone Number(s):</b>	410-841-3661 301-858-3661 Toll-free in MD: 1-800-492-7122 ext. 3661
<b>Contact:</b>	Online Online Contact <u>cannot</u> be used to submit written committee hearing testimony. For questions requiring an immediate response please call the committee.
<b>Staff:</b>	Dept. of Legislative Services: Sara C. Fidler and Ryane M. Necessary Assistant to Chair: Lauren Dugas Glover
<b>Subcommittee(s):</b>	Alcoholic Beverages Subcommittee • Chair: Edward P. Reilly

# Finding Your Legislators

Search for your legislators:

Legislator List - By Name

View by: District or County **Who represents me?**

**Senate** **House**

District Number	County	Contact	Delegate	District Number	County	Contact
30	Aspen		Mark Walker	14	Franklin	

Input your address and zip code for a list of your elected officials:

### Find My Elected Officials

Please enter address:  
(Required fields are indicated with an asterisk \*)

Address:  \*

Zip Code:

(NOTE: This may take several seconds)

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Governor: [Martin J. O'Malley](#)  
Lt. Governor: [Anthony G. Brown](#)  
Attorney General: [Douglas F. Gansler](#)  
Comptroller: [Peter Franchot](#)

US Senators:  
[Barbara A. Mikulski](#)  
[Benjamin L. Cardin](#)

US Representative:  
[Elijah Eugene Cummings](#)

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**Checked legislators will be contacted:**

State Senator (District 10):  
 [Delores G. Kelley](#)

State Delegates (District 10):  
 [Emmett C. Burns, Jr.](#)  
 [Adrienne A. Jones](#)  
 [Shirley Nathan-Pulliam](#)

# Additional Advocacy

- Talk with your legislators:
  - Visit them in Annapolis
  - Call them or send a letter
- Give Testimony (make sure you follow the rules)
  - Testify at a committee hearing
    - Deadline
    - Duration
  - Submit written testimony
    - Number of copies
    - Deadline

# Relevant Legislation

## HB 294: Law Enforcement Officers Entrance-Level and Annual Training Requirements (Christopher's Law)

- The current law establishes standards and requirements for entrance-level and annual in-service officer training.
- HB 294 would amend “Christopher’s Law” to include provisions that require police officer training in:
  - Lifesaving techniques including CPR
  - The proper level and use of force
  - Sensitivity to cultural and gender diversity
  - Individuals with physical, intellectual, and developmental disabilities
  - Proper use of electronic control devices (if issued)

Hearing: Judiciary, Feb. 4, 2014

# Relevant Legislation

## HB 179: Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

- Changes the membership of an adult guardianship review board.
- Current law: Of the 11 member review committee:
  - in counties other than St. Mary's, "2 shall be physicians, including 1 psychiatrist from a local health department that employs psychiatrists"
  - In St. Mary's County, "one shall be a physician other than a psychiatrist; and "1 shall be a psychiatrist or psychologist"
- Proposed change:
  - 1 shall be a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or physician who is not a psychiatrist, and
  - 1 shall be a psychiatrist (or a psychologist if in St. Mary's County)

Hearing: Judiciary, Jan. 30, 2014

# Relevant Legislation

## **HB 152/SB 303: Creation of a State Debt—Montgomery County—Intergenerational Center Expansion**

- Authorizes the Board of Public Works to take out a loan on behalf of the State to fund the expansion of the Center.
- Easter Seals' Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Inter-Generational Center is a “shared site” for children and seniors with disabilities and their families.

Hearing: House Appropriations, Senate Budget and Taxation

## **SB 103: Public Health Programs for Children—Renaming and Modernization**

- Replaces “hearing-impaired infants” and similar language with “infants with hearing loss” and similar language within what is currently the Program for Hearing–Impaired Infants.
- Renames the program: “Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program”.

Hearing: favorably reported by Finance

# Relevant Legislation

## Senate Bill 177: Crimes—Elder Abuse or Neglect—Increased Penalties

- Applies to “vulnerable adults.” Under current Maryland law, a “vulnerable adult” is “an adult who lacks the physical or mental capacity to provide for the adult’s daily needs.” (MD Criminal Law 3-604(a)(10); COMAR 07.02.16.02.B.(21)).
- Any person who has permanent or temporary care or responsibility for the supervision of a vulnerable adult, or a household or family member of a vulnerable adult may not cause abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult that:
  - Results in death,
  - Causes serious physical injury, or
  - Involves sexual abuse of the vulnerable adult
- Felony cases: imprisonment and fine max. doubled to 20 yr., \$20,000, or both
- Misdemeanor cases: doubled to max. of 10 yr., \$10,000, or both

Hearing: Judicial Proceedings, Feb. 12, 2014

# Relevant Legislation

## **SB 120: Education—Children with Disabilities—Parent Surrogates**

- Concerns children eligible to receive educational services under IDEA and applicable State laws and regulations
- Adds the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the list of public agencies required to request the appointment of a parent surrogate when it is suspected that the child is disabled, and if, the child is:
  - a ward of the State,
  - unaccompanied homeless youth,
  - the parents are otherwise unavailable, and if
  - the child's rights have not been transferred back to them.

Hearing: favorably reported by Education, Health and Environmental Affairs



# Conclusion and Resources

*A good compromise, a good piece of legislation, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, 'Huh. It works. It makes sense.'*

- **Barack Obama**

## HELPFUL RESOURCES:

- [Maryland General Assembly Website:](http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/)  
<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/>
- [The Legislative Process PDF:](http://dls.state.md.us/data/libandinfser/libandinfser_docandpub/Legislative-Process.pdf)  
[http://dls.state.md.us/data/libandinfser/libandinfser\\_docandpub/Legislative-Process.pdf](http://dls.state.md.us/data/libandinfser/libandinfser_docandpub/Legislative-Process.pdf)

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Questions?