

Education

House Bill 83 (2021) – Public and Nonpublic Schools – Electric Retractable Room Partitions – Operation Requirements created safety standards for the use of electric retractable room partitions in Maryland schools. The bill states that a school employee may not operate an electric retractable room partition in a school building unless one of three conditions are met. This bill was introduced in response to incidents in other states where improper operation of these partitions has killed or seriously injured students. Senator Bailey introduced the Senate version of this bill, Senate Bill 104, which included the language that ultimately was passed by the General Assembly.

Senate Bill 79 (2022) – Higher Education – Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships – Program Accreditation required an in-state academic program to be accredited before it can be considered comparable when awarding Senatorial and Delegate Scholarships. Under current law, a legislator can allow a student to use a Senatorial or Delegate Scholarship at an out-of-state school only if the academic program the student is pursuing is not available at an in-state college or university, regardless of whether that in-state program is accredited.

Senate Bill 1101 (2024) – Higher Education – Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program – Alterations allowed students who receive financial aid from the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to use their award at a community college in addition to the State's public four-year institutions.

Senate Bill 1178 (2024) – Higher Education – Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship – Repeal of Service Terminal Date removed vague language in the statute governing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship that was denying some veterans of these conflicts access to this scholarship.

House Bill 146 (2022) – Education – Reportable Offenses, Student Discipline, and School Disruptions – Presence of an Attorney and Reporting included provisions requiring local school systems to report annually on the number of disruptions that occur in their schools. These provisions are similar to and work to accomplish the same objective as Senate Bill 583 (2022), which was introduced by Senator Bailey.