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Even though there wasn't an election in 2019, there are plenty of changes coming to the State House and Annapolis as the 2020 General Assembly session begins. Two new leaders are poised to take the helm of both the House and Senate. It's a changing of the guard in leadership for the Maryland legislature.



The Annapolis Summit, now in its 17th year, provides an opportunity for a behind-the-scenes preview of the session. For the seventh year in the row The Daily Record has joined with respected broadcast newsman Marc Steiner for the event.

We are pleased to welcome back Gov. Larry Hogan, along with Senate President Nominee Bill Ferguson and House Speaker Adrienne A. Jones to offer their thoughts and perspectives on the 2020 session.

Ferguson is expected to take over for Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., who is stepping down from his leadership position because of health issues. Miller is the country's and state's longest-serving Senate president. He became Senate president in 1987 and will continue to serve his district even after stepping down from the leadership position.

Jones was elected House speaker following the death of Michael Busch near the end of the 2019 legislative session. She is the first woman and first African American to lead the House. Busch was the longest-serving leader of the House in state history.

Both Ferguson and Jones are from the Baltimore region, bringing a new focus as leadership positions shift geographically. Both are stepping into roles long held by Miller and Busch, and there is likely to be a learning curve. But both have the opportunity to bring a fresh look and approach to their leadership.

The insights from the governor and legislative leaders are why the Annapolis Summit has become a must-attend event for Maryland's most connected business leaders and in-the-know politicians. Inside this magazine, readers also will find news analyses on this year's major issues; commentary pieces from stakeholders and policy experts; snapshots of leaders to watch; as well as useful guides to identifying and contacting lawmakers and lobbyists.

The summit marks not only the start of the legislative session but of The Daily Record's expanded coverage, which will include an inside look at how government policies and legislative proposals affect business, the legal profession and local governments.

Throughout the session, we'll have space dedicated to legislative coverage in both the print edition of The Daily Record and on our website. We will again offer our popular Eye on Annapolis blog as well as an email news alert each morning so you can keep abreast of all our coverage. (Visit TheDailyRecord.com to sign up.)

We know what happens during these 90 days has a critical impact on our readers, regardless of their profession. That's why we are committed to providing such comprehensive and relevant coverage. We hope you enjoy it, as well as this year's Annapolis Summit.

Sincerely,
 Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, **Publisher of The Daily Record**
 and Marc Steiner, **President/Executive Producer, Center for Emerging Media**

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Sen. William 'Bill' Ferguson, second from right, is expected to be the new Senate President after Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., right, announced he was stepping down from the post for health reasons. Ferguson joins House Speaker Adrienne Jones as a new presiding officer in the Maryland legislature for 2020.

A LOOK AT LIKELY KEY ISSUES AHEAD OF THE 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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The 2020 General Assembly session is expected to be as lively as any with a number of policy issues certain to be of interest to a vast majority of residents.

And while it is impossible to sum up the thousands of bills likely to be introduced or guess which from among them will suddenly jump from being flotsam

in the bottom of a chairman's drawer to awaiting the governor's signature, here are a few things to keep an eye on this session.

Education funding

There is nothing bigger in Annapolis this year.

The promise of sweeping, cutting-edge education reforms come with a sizable price tag — ultimately \$4 billion annually.

A large number of initiatives coming to Annapolis this year will certainly be discussed and debated within the context of this one education bill.

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan describes the costs as budget-busting. Political rhetoric aside, the costs will have the potential of sucking the air out of the room for proposals with significant (and perhaps moderate) fiscal notes.

Toss in the legislature's desire to start

shaving down the projected budget deficits that grow over the next few years — pre-Kirwan spending — plus the search for potential new revenue sources and concerns about a looming economic downturn and it's easy to see how education policy will drive the session.

In 2002, the General Assembly adjourned having passed what was then a monumental change in education funding known as Thornton. Lawmakers left town in an election year having funded just one year of the \$1.3 billion plan and leaving out future years to be cobbled together. Is there enough institutional knowledge remaining in the House and Senate to avoid that scenario this year?

The new presiding officers

The coming session will start to answer the question: What does the legislature look like in a post-Mikes era?

The death of House Speaker Michael Busch and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.'s decision to not seek re-election to a position he has held for more than three decades (Miller will still serve as a senator) will likely have profound effects on how business is conducted.

Many questions remain to be answered, including: How Speaker Adrienne Jones handles the politics of the job? Will she and incoming Senate President William "Bill" Ferguson move their respective chambers more to the left? How does Baltimore fare under presiding officers from the region? And how do other larger jurisdictions preserve their place at the table?

Also yet to be answered is what effect this has on Hogan's relationship with



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The 2020 Maryland General Assembly session will feature many hot topics, but changes in leadership in both chambers and on key committees will bring a new look to Annapolis.

both chambers now that he won't have his friend Mike Miller on the Senate roster.

Taxes

With how to pay for Kirwan tops on the minds of Democrats and Republicans alike there is likely to be some discussion of taxes.

Hogan has railed against Democrats for tax hikes. Since 2014 there has appeared to be little stomach for increases among the Democratic majority that has overruled Hogan's vetoes nearly at every

turn.

But that is not to say that Maryland hasn't seen changes in its taxes including expansions of the hotel tax to short-term rentals through companies such as Airbnb and the extension of the state sales tax to online retailers.

Some lawmakers may look this year to expand the sales tax to services, a move that some say could be a major revenue generator.

Progressives likely will also want to get changes to corporate taxes and rates charged to top earners on the agenda.



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Gov. Larry Hogan could face several challenges from the legislature on key topics from education, taxes and transportation.

Cannabis

Legalization isn't expected to happen this year, but that doesn't mean cannabis won't be on the agenda.

A legislative panel examining issues around legal recreational marijuana will almost certainly continue to work through larger policy concerns, including keeping pot out of the hands of minors and more complicated issues of how to handle the criminal records of those convicted of possession charges if the state moves to legalize adult use.

There could also be legislation that seeks to deal with issues such as drug testing and other employment matters as they relate to the state's medical cannabis industry.

A wild card this session could be how lawmakers, especially in the Legislative Black Caucus, react to the awarding of four grower and 10 processor licenses possibly as early as February. If minority applicants are shut out again, it could provoke another volley of criticism.

It is not clear who will lead that charge with the resignation and indictment of

Del. Cheryl Glenn, who championed the passage of medical cannabis laws in the state and whose mother gave her name to the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission.

Medically assisted suicide

Supporters of medically assisted suicide are coming back to Annapolis one year after a bill failed in 2019 by a single vote.

Supporters reportedly are ramping up lobbying efforts and engaging at least three separate lobbying firms in the latest push to allow terminally ill patients over age 21 to request and receive life-ending medication from their physicians who conclude they have at most six months to live. Qualifying patients could be given a prescription for a life-ending dose of medication, which they would have to administer themselves.

After days of emotional debate on both sides in the House and Senate, the bill failed in 2019 when Sen. Obie Patterson, D-Prince George's, followed his conscience (and violated Senate rules)

by refusing to cast a yes or no vote despite being in his seat in the chamber.

Gaming

This could be the year for legalizing sports betting in Maryland. If the General Assembly finally adopts a bill legalizing that activity, the measure could be on the 2020 ballot for voters to approve in November.

Lawmakers held off passing similar legislation in 2018 that would have gone on the ballot contingent with a Supreme Court ruling in a seminal New Jersey case.

Still to be answered is if sports gaming would be limited to casinos and horse race venues. Lottery dealers and tavern owners would certainly make their cases for a taste of the action run through the state lottery.

It's also worth watching to see if gaming in Maryland has become so widely accepted that lawmakers will push to remove gambling from the state constitution. The language was put there in 2008 after some lawmakers believed the only way they could vote to legalize slots was to approve it as a constitutional amendment. The change, however, has made the state lethargic and poorly equipped to deal with changes in the industry, such as sports betting.

Transportation

The governor's much-desired toll lane expansions of the Capital Beltway, including the American Legion Bridge, has drawn the attention of lawmakers in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Hogan has proposed perhaps the largest public-private partnership in North America, estimated to cost as much as \$15 billion. Plans to move the proposal through the Board of Public Works have stalled.

The delays could give Del. Marc Korman, a Montgomery County Democrat who now leads the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, and others an opportunity to consider potential changes that could either limit how the three-member Board of Public Works considers such projects or gives the legislature more oversight.



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At left, incoming Senate President William "Bill" Ferguson, D-Baltimore, during a previous legislative session.

Legislative leadership changes seen as a boon for Baltimore region

The ascendance of House Speaker Adrienne Jones of Baltimore County and incoming Senate President William "Bill" Ferguson of Baltimore will likely benefit the city and the region. As leaders of their respective chambers, Jones and Ferguson are two of the three most powerful people in state politics. Their roles provide a tremendous opportunity to look out for their home districts and regions.

The rise of Jones and Ferguson represents the first time since 1985 under Senate President Melvin "Mickey" Steinberg and House Speaker Ben Cardin that leadership came from the Baltimore region. For-

mer Sen. Clarence Mitchell IV, a radio host on WBAL, said Jones and Ferguson taking over their respective chambers — from the late Speaker Michael Busch and outgoing Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., respectively — is more important to the city than when Steinberg and Cardin last held the gavels.

The new presiding officers, however, will have to take into consideration other parts of the state, including Montgomery and Prince George's counties which are home to roughly a third of the 188 lawmakers. They are all Democrats.

HBCU supporters eye legislative solution to protracted litigation

Thirteen years after filing a lawsuit alleging the state of Maryland had willfully supported predominantly white institutions over historically black colleges, backers of the traditionally black schools sense an opportunity to resolve the case — but they see that opportunity in the state legislature not the courts.

Years of protracted litigation, mediation and negotiations have left Maryland and

the Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Higher Education without a resolution in the case, despite rulings from a federal judge in the coalition's favor.

Leadership changes and failure this summer in the parties' fourth attempt at mediation have created a new sense of urgency and the hope that the legislature could be the venue to resolve the lawsuit.

Legislators to weigh bills to protect the rights of cannabis patients

The Maryland General Assembly, having legalized the medical use of marijuana, will continue to consider ways to prevent discrimination in employment, workers' compensation, housing and handgun permit applications for patients who use a drug still regarded as illegal by the federal government, legislators say.

The legislature will also continue to examine ways to regulate the advertising of medical marijuana to ensure materials do not promote the recreational use of the drug or make cannabis attractive to minors, lawmakers added.

These measures died in the legislature last session but are expected to be reintroduced in 2020 and perhaps beyond. It often takes years of debate before bills are passed by the Maryland legislature, such as when lawmakers abolished the death penalty, allowed same-sex marriage and terminated the parental rights of a mother or father who conceived or sired a child through non-consensual intercourse.



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Exoneree compensation process could be streamlined

The Board of Public Works compensated five wrongly convicted men recently, but only after mounting public pressure and months of delays. The incident raised questions about Maryland's compensation process for exonerees. Legislators and advocates will ask the General Assembly to craft a new system that would streamline the process and standardize payments.

Recreational marijuana legislation unlikely

The future appears hazy for legalizing recreational marijuana in Maryland in the coming legislative session.

An 19-member legislative work group has been tasked with taking a deep dive on how Maryland might go about legalizing recreational cannabis as well as issues related to employment, criminal justice, social equity and even the medical cannabis industry.

Instead of a recommendation for a bill, members of the work group say it is more likely they ultimately will produce a report containing a statement of general consensus on a number of issues, including racial diversity in the industry and expungement of criminal records for at least some convicted of possession charges.

A number of complicated issues remain impediments to legalization, including employment, workers compensation, driving under the influence, how licenses would be distributed as well as diversity issues and criminal record expungement.



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Keeping the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore has been a top priority for city political and business leaders.

Keeping the Preakness in Baltimore

News of an agreement between the city of Baltimore and the owner of struggling Pimlico Race Course to keep the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore was greeted with euphoria in October. The agreement called for the redevelopment of Pimlico and the surrounding area and upgrades at Laurel Park at a projected cost of \$372.9 million.

It was called a win for everyone – The Stronach Group, owner of the two tracks; the city; the surrounding community in northwest Baltimore; and the horse-rac-

ing industry.

But, huzzahs aside, the agreement still needs several things to happen, all of which will require approval from the legislature and governor.

Provisions of state law have to be amended; the role of the Maryland Stadium Authority, which will issue bonds to finance much of the work at the two tracks, has to be clarified; and a long-term funding stream set up.

In other words — it's not yet a done deal.

Will new leadership impact Senate judicial committee?

Sen. William C. “Will” Smith Jr. says he plans to take a go-slow approach in what will be his first General Assembly session as chair of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.

“I’ll be limiting the bills that I sponsor,” said Smith, D-Montgomery, who will take over for retiring Sen. Robert A. “Bobby” Zirkin when the 90-day session starts Jan. 8. “I am going to hold off so that I can acclimate to the new position.”

But Smith’s reluctance to press ahead forcefully with legislation is not shared by others on the Senate panel or lawmakers on the House Judiciary Committee, which also has reviewing authority over bills concerning criminal, civil and family law and the Maryland judiciary.

Many lawmakers say the legislature’s leftward change in leadership this session

– not only on the Senate committee but in the House and Senate generally – makes them cautiously optimistic about prospects for their legislative efforts, which were either discouraged or stalled under the prior, more moderate leadership.

These legislative proposals include calls to impose background checks on purchasers of long guns and to permit terminally ill patients to be provided upon request a lethal amount of medication for them to take themselves.

Another measure would prohibit the jailing of motorists for driving with a suspended license when the suspension resulted from their inability to pay a fine and would enable injured police officers and firefighters to seek damages from the individuals who caused their injuries.

EDUCATION FUNDING

Kirwan recommendations a step toward improving education

Public education in Maryland is at a crossroads, and our children are counting on adults to do the right thing. For too long, our public schools have operated under an outdated and inadequate funding formula. Every time you walk into a school, you see the effects of that underfunding — from rising class sizes, to fabulous teachers who are leaving, to struggling learners not getting the extra support or equal opportunities that all students deserve.

These problems aren't just anecdotal, they're systemic. As of 2015, 53% of black students in Maryland attended school districts that were underfunded by 15% or more, compared to only 8% of white students. Analysts have found that Maryland spends 5% less on schools serving students living in poverty and that each of our schools is underfunded by, on average, \$2 million a year.

No matter what neighborhood you raise your children in, it should have strong public schools. But right now in too many places in Maryland, kids don't have the same access to a great education.

The good news is we have a pathway to fundamentally improve our schools and break out of the status quo through the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and the recommendations of the Kirwan Commission.

The blueprint will make a big difference for Maryland students. An investment to ensure that more students have access to dynamic career and technical programs will provide the

opportunity for students to graduate truly career- and college-ready. The blueprint will hire more educators to provide small group and one-on-one support for struggling learners, particularly early in their schooling. Sending additional resources to students living in concentrated poverty, students receiving special education services and English language learners will help level the playing field. Hiring more mental health professionals like counselors and psychologists, whose caseloads are currently two and three times recommended levels, will help students overcome social-emotional challenges and be prepared to succeed academically.

The blueprint will also make a big difference for Maryland educators. Right now, 50% of educators work a second job to make ends meet, and 47% of new teachers leave the profession by their third year. Enrollment in teaching programs is plummeting, drying up the pipeline of new teachers and contributing to annual shortages across the state. This is no way to build and sustain any profession, let alone one so critical to our future. The blueprint would increase teacher salaries to bring them on par with similar professions and high-performing states like New Jersey and Massachusetts, as well as increasing the time that teachers have to plan and collaborate. Research has found that these reforms have positive impacts on student achievement and educator recruitment and retention.

The blueprint will also be



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good for Maryland's economy. It's the single most important educational and economic reform that we can make. A recent analysis conducted by the Sage Policy Group — whose CEO is the chairman of Gov. Larry Hogan's Economic Development Commission — found that full implementation of the blueprint would provide billions in annual boosts to Maryland's economy, help 10,000+ women join the workforce and pay for itself by FY2034. The higher educational attainment that the blueprint would give students would mean higher lifetime incomes and lower public assistance costs and incarceration rates.

The full implementation of the blueprint would mean not just a new era of school funding, it would mean a new era of school accountability as well. In addition to the inspector general that the General As-

sembly created last year, the Kirwan Commission has proposed the creation of an independent oversight board made up of education policy experts who will help ensure that implementation goes according to plan and stays on schedule.

We've seen a lot of wildly inaccurate numbers thrown around about how much the blueprint would cost. Here's the deal: Budget analysts have found that routine growth in population and economic activity will cover about 70% of the new funding formula. The legislature, and voters, have already begun to cover the rest through passing Question 1 in 2018 and taking action to comply with the Supreme Court's *Wayfair* decision, collectively adding hundreds of millions of dollars more annually for school funding. Poll after poll has shown that Marylanders overwhelmingly support increasing school funding. The only people talking about massive tax increases are those who oppose this historic investment in our schools. Our kids deserve better than scare tactics.

The blueprint will create strong schools in every neighborhood by expanding career and technical education, hiring more educators and increasing their pay, providing additional support to struggling learners, and delivering a more prosperous future for our state. We must take action during the 2020 General Assembly session to adequately and equitably fund our schools and ensure that all students have the opportunities that they deserve.

TRANSPORTATION

Maryland transportation's plan needs to be multimodal

Governor Hogan's first transportation secretary recently resigned and on his way out the door he told a newspaper, "I believe we still have a disproportionate share of the (transportation) trust fund going to transit."

What the departing secretary never seemed to understand about Maryland is that focusing on multiple modes of transportation: bus, rail, air, sea, bike, feet and yes, cars, is a feature, not a bug, of the state's system.

Fifty years ago, the Curlett Commission proposed reorganizing the executive branch in Maryland into a Cabinet form government. As to transportation, the report said it would "include programs and agencies primarily concerned with the transportation of people and goods within and through the State."

That original mission statement does not mention cars or roads. It proposed the combination of 13 agencies or state commissions under a consolidated Maryland Department of Transportation. Following this vision, the department and a consolidated Transportation Trust Fund, our state's multimodal transportation budget, was established in 1971 under the visionary leadership of our state's first MDOT secretary (and future governor) Harry Hughes.

Since that time, that multimodal mission has advanced. The Port of Baltimore is booming and BWI-Thurgood Marshall Airport has the most passengers of any airport in the D.C. region. Plenty of roads, tunnels and bridges have been built and, to be sure, there is work to do to maintain that necessary infrastructure.

What is now the Maryland

Transit Administration provides local subway, light rail and bus service in the Baltimore region. MDOT began subsidizing private commuter rail in 1974, and that evolved into the state's MARC commuter rail service in 1984.

In a series of legislative steps over the years, the state has picked up more of the costs for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority that used to be the responsibility of local governments and taxpayers, culminating in regional, bipartisan passage of dedicated funding in 2018.

But despite that long-term multimodal trend, the largest share of the state's transportation capital spending has always gone to the State Highway Administration in both state and federally budgeted funds. The Hogan administration cut the Baltimore region Red Line light rail project; has slowed down any progress on the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit plan; slated for elimination the Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Cities Transitway and abandoned support for other BRT lines; under-invested in MTA's capital needs by \$200 million per year, according to their own estimates; and has no new transit projects in the planning stage for the first time in anyone's memory.

It has done all this while promoting a pie-in-the-sky four lane mega highway toll lane widening that will allegedly cost the state no money; pose no taxpayer risk; solve all of our traffic problems; not require the taking of any land; and will somehow help the environment (none of which can be achieved).

Maryland needs to remember the founding multimodal mission



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of MDOT and the need to move people, not cars, while also recognizing the role transportation infrastructure has to play in economic development and preserving our environment. Over the next few years, Maryland needs to:

- Increase investment in transit: Maryland must maintain and expand existing transit lines, as well as build new ones around the state; establish run-through commuter rail service with Virginia; plug MTA's maintenance/state of good repair gap; and finish and implement the Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland. And we must prioritize and incentivize the use of transit, not just lament its existence or ridership.

- Ensure transportation investments are environmentally sustainable: Maryland must fully embrace the Transportation & Climate Initiative, a regional partnership to cap and reduce the amount of greenhouse gases emitted by the transportation sector, now our largest emit-

ter; electrify our state, local and school bus fleets; expand electric charging infrastructure and access to electric vehicles; and encourage sustainable development around transit.

- Reform our transportation planning: Maryland must do more to integrate local and regional priorities in transportation decision-making; place sensible limits and controls on the use of mega toll lane projects that can enter the state into 50-year contracts for 100-year infrastructure with just two votes; require that planning take account of multimodalism and mandate that any new infrastructure accommodate bikers, pedestrians and other users; and continue the recent work of the State Highway Administration that has begun to recognize that context matters.

- Sustain and enhance our success: The Port of Baltimore and Thurgood Marshall BWI Airport are economically critical components of our state's transportation system and Maryland must keep them in their prime regional positions.

We must undertake all of this while we maintain, enhance and make safer the existing road network that we have, including our bridges and tunnels, and ensure equitable access for all Marylanders, whether they be economically disadvantaged or in need of paratransit.

These are just some examples of the work the legislative and executive branches need to undertake together, along with our county and municipal partners, community members, and other stakeholders, as we look towards building a successful future for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

5G TECHNOLOGY

5G technology moving ahead thanks to local involvement

Here we go again. Less than a year ago we worked to dispel fears that without industry-supported legislation, Maryland wouldn't move forward with exciting 5G technology.

As it turned out, those fears were unfounded and the arguments encouraging them untrue. And the proof is all around us.

Maryland's cities and counties are 5G ready! Nearly 50 jurisdictions in Maryland have already enacted local ordinances or regulations governing small cells, and dozens more are pending. In fact, thousands of small cells are currently deployed across Maryland and have been deployed successfully under mutually agreeable terms between the jurisdiction and industry without the need for state preemption on local authority.

Cities and counties across Maryland are providing a local path forward that preserves an open and transparent public approval process, considers community needs and standards, protects public safety, maintains the aesthetics of historic areas and undergrounded neighborhoods, while enhancing wireless coverage for their communities.

Despite widespread deployment and local regulation, the wireless industry is back at it again, continuing to push a narrative that a statewide bill preempting local governments is needed. The reality of the matter is the wireless industry only seeks preemptive legislation to take away

the locals' right to have a say in how small cells are deployed in their communities.

The industry doesn't want to hear from homeowners who are concerned when a refrigerator-sized small cell pops up outside their bedroom window. Or from residents who question health standards. Or from neighborhoods whose utilities are undergrounded. Or from civic engineers who wish to ensure poles and installations are up to local safety standards. Or from those concerned with the equity of wireless providers deploying the "latest and greatest" technology in cherry-picked areas while unserved and underserved areas continue to fall behind.

The industry wants preemption because it's more convenient for them. They don't want to hear or deal with the many things that local government officials must hear and take into consideration when developing local laws for the communities they represent.

So, what local governments continue to oppose is putting corporate welfare ahead of community needs and input.

Local governments oppose the dilution of long-standing existing local authority over land-use decisions and the wireless industry's attempt to circumvent local application and permitting review processes. We must be able to protect the safety and interest of our communities through these critical reviews.

Local governments oppose



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the unfettered use of public land and property by billion-dollar private companies at below cost. Taxpayers should not be subsidizing Fortune 100 companies whose primary concerns are their bottom lines and their shareholders. For local governments, our residents and our neighborhoods come first.

Local governments oppose the "one-size-fits-all" approach of state preemption, especially when it involves the local administration of a complex and emerging technology. Communities vary widely in their location, size, needs and overall character.

Make no mistake about it. Maryland counties and cities are



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gearing up for the "5G revolution" and the promise of "connected cities" of tomorrow with all the technological advancements the future entails. But they are making sure these advancements are made in connection with their community's needs, goals, and character.

Maryland must advance 5G small cells in a way that makes sense for our communities. The best path forward is to continue to support a regulatory framework managed by the local governments of the communities where thousands more small cells will be in the very near future.

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5G TECHNOLOGY

State needs to help keep pace with new technology

Across Maryland, municipalities are preparing for 5G — rapidly evolving technology that will be the backbone of broadband's future. However, an uncoordinated and fragmented approach to building the infrastructure will likely impede progress and delay access to critical technology. Maryland needs a statewide, coordinated approach to rapid deployment of 5G technology that provides equitable access across the state and a balanced competitive environment.

What exactly is it? Currently, our broadband system (which powers almost everything you do on your cellphone) runs on 4G technology. 5G will drive speeds up to 10 times faster. You'll be able to connect reliably and consistently to exponentially more devices, with virtually no latency or "lag time."

But we're not just talking about lightning-fast downloads: 5G paves the way for smart cities, autonomous vehicles, remote surgery and so much more. To say it will revolution-

ize the way we live, work, play, and interact is a vast understatement.

The technology is changing, and our laws need to change with it. More than 20 other states, including Virginia and Delaware, have passed legislation to lay the groundwork for 5G. Here in Maryland, we need to update our regulations to prepare for, encourage and embrace the installation of modern broadband infrastructure.

The framework behind 5G is made up of "small cells," or small antennas that are installed on utility poles, buildings and streetlights to power our 5G system. Private wireless companies are prepared to foot the bill for installation and train and hire new employees in the process. Regulations should support statewide, consistent and equitable installation, with local communities signing off on the plans and collecting reasonable permitting fees to cover costs in the process.

Maryland needs to stay competitive with the rest of the nation and the world. In the



Marty Rosendale

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not-so-distant future, 5G will be essential to attracting and retaining the tech-heavy companies, entrepreneurs, startups and established global brands that bring jobs, investment and long-term growth.

In addition to many other benefits, 5G will save lives. Biometrics will allow doctors to remotely identify, treat and prevent health conditions before

patients even know they exist. Wearable devices, artificial intelligence and sophisticated communications will empower emergency first responders to provide advanced care and diagnostics while enhancing their own safety. The ability to monitor roads, railways and bridges in real time means near-instantaneous responses to potential emergencies. In short, 5G will bring stronger emergency management, better medical care and safer communities.

There's no question that those who clear the way for 5G and the small-cell infrastructure that makes it possible will lead the pack in realizing its tremendous and widespread benefits. We must take steps today to position ourselves for the opportunities of tomorrow. To get in shape for one of the biggest build-outs of tech infrastructure in history, Maryland needs to establish regulations that support rapid deployment, evenly and fairly throughout the state.

Let's do it now. It's time to begin running toward the endless possibilities of 5G.



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WILLIAM "BILL" FERGUSON

His adroit behind-the-scenes maneuvering obliterated any chance rivals had of succeeding outgoing Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. He's built a leadership team that incorporates lawmakers from Prince George's and Montgomery counties and has kept on, for now at least, key Miller aides.



ADRIENNE JONES

The new House speaker got the job as a compromise brokered between supporters of the two leading candidates for the post, Dereck Davis and Maggie McIntosh. Her position on many major issues remains to be articulated. How will she work with committee chairs and with her new leadership counterpart, Senate President William "Bill" Ferguson.

12 TO WATCH

Look to these 12 men and women to make a big impact on the 2020 legislative session



DARRYL BARNES

The Prince George's Democrat leads the Legislative Black Caucus, which appears poised to flex its muscles on a variety of issues, including pushing for a settlement in the long-running state dispute with Maryland's historically black colleges and universities.



DELORES KELLY

The Baltimore Democratic senator chairs the Senate Finance Committee. Her support of Ferguson was key to his crowding out other challengers for the Senate president's job.

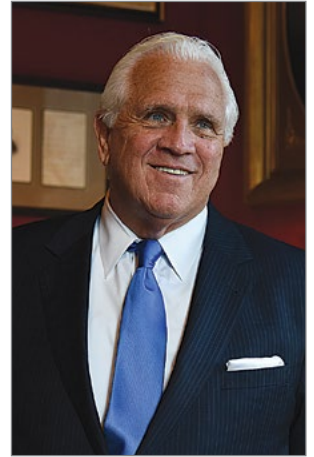


WILLIAM "WILL" SMITH

The incoming leader of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee is seen as having a more progressive bent than his predecessor, the retiring Robert A. "Bobby" Zirkin. So far, Smith has tried to avoid being boxed in on any issues.

THOMAS V. MIKE MILLER JR.

The looming presence of the longest-serving Senate president in history will cast quite a shadow. He's on a committee that gives him a chance to push along Kirwan Commission education funding. Will he stay out of new Senate President William "Bill" Ferguson's way?



NICHOLAUS KIPKE/KATHY SZELIGA

The two House Republican leaders have been strong advocates of Gov. Larry Hogan's legislative agenda. They'll be working in a different landscape with the House leadership changes.

ERIC LUEDTKE

The former head of the Democratic caucus takes over as House majority leader. He's already shown himself to be a willing and visible critic of the Hogan administration, a role he might take on even more frequently.



CHERYL KAGAN

The Democratic senator is known as an aggressive advocate for her views. She now has a leadership position as vice chair of Education, Health and Environmental Affairs and is part of a more visible crop of Montgomery County lawmakers.

GUY GUZZONE

The Howard County Democrat will take over as chair of the Senate Budget Committee, a major panel that deals with the state's operating and capital budgets. It's a major perch for one of the party's more aggressive campaigners

SHEREE SAMPLE-HUGHES

The lone Democrat representing the Eastern Shore in the Senate, the three-term delegate has ascended to the job of speaker pro tem.

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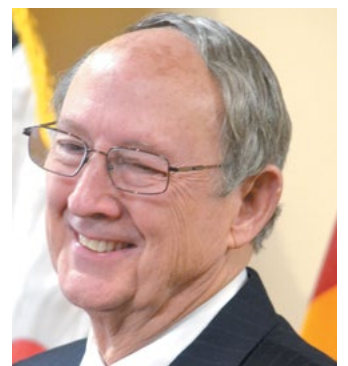
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MARYLAND’S TOP LOBBYISTS TOTALED NEARLY \$15 MILLION THROUGH 2019 REPORTING PERIOD

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Ten lobbyists reported client fees of nearly \$15 million last year, the Maryland State Ethics Commission reports.

The combined reported earnings for the top 10 accounted for more than \$3 of every \$10 reported earned by all Annapolis lobbyists reporting total client payments of at least \$50,000.

Overall, 174 registered lobbyists reported earning \$50,000 or more for the period for a combined total of nearly \$49.1 million for the period of Nov. 1, 2018 to Oct. 31, 2019, which includes all of the 90-day 2019 General Assembly Session.

Reported earnings to the ethics commission represent the amount of client fees paid. Those figures do not include factors including overhead nor take into account other lobbyists at the same firm who also performed services for the same clients.

Topping the list again is Gerard “Gerry” Evans who reported more than \$2.6 million in client fees — more than \$475,000 more than his report for the same period a year earlier. Evans is a former chair of the Maryland Democratic Party and a top legislative aide to outgoing Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr.

Timothy Perry, of Perry, White, Ross & Jacobson and a former chief of staff to Miller, remains reported nearly \$2.4 million, more than \$100,000 more than the year before.

Bruce Bereano fell to third from the mid-year report, earning \$1.9 million. Bereano is a former aide to former senate presidents William James and Steny Hoyer.

Lisa Harris Jones, Harris Jones & Malone LLC, remains the only woman in the top 10 with reported earnings of slightly less than \$1.2 million. Her reported earnings were good enough for fifth on the list, one spot lower than the same time last year.

One notable absence in the end of year reports top earner list is former Sen. Robert Garagiola who, along with his wife Hannah Powers Garagiola and five others, left Alexander & Cleaver. The power lobbying couple and the other defectors opened Compass Government Relations.

Robert Garagiola was frequently among the top lobbyists in terms of reported earnings. Last year he reported more than \$735,000, good enough for seventh on the list for the previous November to April reporting period.

For the most recent year, Garagiola, a consultant at Compass Government Relations, reported payments of more than \$115,000. Hannah Powers Garagiola reported more than \$826,000 for the same period. Her totals were good enough to finish in the top 15.

Alexander & Cleaver is currently embroiled in lawsuits it filed against Hannah Powers Garagiola and five other former employees as well as a number of former clients who left the firm early last year.

No current lobbyists registered for Alexander & Cleaver were in the top 10 lobbyists by reported earnings for the year.

Top 10 lobbyists by reported earnings

1. Gerard “Gerry” Evans	\$2,647,333
2. Timothy Perry.....	\$2,500,400
3. Bruce Bereano	\$1,902,744
4. Michael Johansen.....	\$1,506,798
5. Lisa Harris Jones.....	\$1,181,000
6. Gregory Proctor Jr.	\$1,085,025
7. John Stierhoff.....	\$1,080,566
8. Nicholas Manis.....	\$1,072,700
9. Frank Boston III.....	\$1,059,600
10. Jonas Jacobson	\$962,000

Top employers by reported expenses

Maryland State Education Association	\$1,301,749.62
Pepco Holdings Inc.	\$693,502.49
Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.....	\$693,387.07
Maryland Hospital Association	\$568,858.22
Johns Hopkins Institutions.....	\$552,231.00
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield	\$515,429.35
Association of Dental Support Organizations.....	\$505,452.45

Source: Reports on lobbyist compensation and employer spending as reported to the Maryland State Ethics Commission for the period Nov. 1, 2018 through Oct. 31 2019.

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Terminally Ill Marylanders Need Legislature to Pass End-of-Life Option Act in 2020

Maryland's End-of-Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act) would authorize medical aid in dying as an option for terminally ill adults to peacefully end unbearable suffering. There are dying Maryland residents who desperately need this option. In fact, some terminally ill Marylanders like Chevy Chase cancer patient Marcy Rubin have died with needless suffering since the legislature last considered this legislation in March 2019. The legislature needs to pass this bill this session.

- Bill supporters include Compassion & Choices, the ACLU, Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ, League of Women Voters of Maryland, Libertarian Party of Maryland, Maryland Congressman Anthony Brown, Marylanders for End-of-Life Options, Suburban Maryland Psychi-

atric Society, Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland, United Seniors of Maryland and WISE (Women Indivisible Strong Effective).

- A 2019 Public Policy Polling showed Marylanders support medical aid in dying by a 3-1 margin (66% to 20%), including majority support from African Americans (59%) and every other demographic group (Independents: 73%, Democrats: 70%, Republicans: 53%, whites: 69%, Catholics: 65%, Protestants: 62%, Jews: 67% and Muslims: 52%).
- The Maryland State Medical Society adopted a neutral stance on the legislation after a 2016 survey showed the majority of its members supported it.

Numerous newspapers have endorsed this important legislation. Below are three examples:

The Washington Post, "Editorial Board: Other states have pioneered death with dignity. Maryland should follow suit," Feb. 20, 2019

"Most persuasive, though, was testimony about how similar end-of-life laws have worked in Oregon — the first state to enact one, in 1997 — and other states...having more than 40 years of combined experience with assisted death, there have been no instances of

documented abuse or coercion ...

It is time for Maryland lawmakers to vote on this bill; we hope they agree that people should have the right to choice when it comes to their own deaths."

The [Easton, MD] Star Democrat editorial, "Sometimes we need options," March 6, 2019

"With that kind of support from the voting public — both polls were geared to reflect the opinions of voters not the public at large — and the heartfelt testimony given at hearings over the last couple of weeks, legislators certainly have reason to vote in the affirmative this year."

The Frederick News-Post editorial, "Right to a peaceful death," March 11, 2019

"Medical aid in dying, as the End-of-Life Option Act would allow, is an idea whose time has definitely come. Anyone who has ever watched a loved one die a painful death — gasping for air, writhing in pain — cannot help but be supportive of the idea ... We urge the General Assembly to approve the bill, to show compassion for Marylanders suffering from a terminal illness ... Everyone should have the right to a peaceful death."

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In the 2020 Legislative Session, AARP Maryland's priorities include

- A Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program, to provide partial wage replacement to Maryland's

770,000 family caregivers who take unpaid leave to care for a new child or a family member with a serious health condition;

- Monitoring the establishment of the Prescription Drug Affordability Board and working with stakeholders to ensure its effectiveness;
- Legislative proposals to protect our most vulnerable citizens from abuse and exploitation;
- Fighting to protect consumers from

new and increased utility surcharges and predatory third party suppliers;

- Promoting access to reliable and affordable telecommunications services, including broadband; and
- Making Maryland and its towns and cities more Age-Friendly.

Throughout the 2020 Legislative Session, AARP Maryland volunteers are in the halls of the State Capital, attending local delegation meetings, meeting with their representatives and staying on top of emerging policy issues. We make sure our voices are heard on these and other issues critical to the interests of Maryland's 50-plus community and their families. Visit aarp.org/MD.

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Compassion & Choices Honors Legislative Champions of End-of-Life Option Act



In 2019, the End-of-Life Option Act — which would allow terminally ill adults who are suffering unbearably to die peacefully — advanced further than ever, thanks to its 97 legislative supporters. Sadly, three bill champions died after the session ended: Speaker Michael E. Busch, U.S. Rep./former Speaker Pro Tem Elijah Cummings, and Compassion & Choices’ terminally ill volunteer Marcy Rubin.

In 2020, Compassion & Choices urges Maryland lawmakers to honor these departed advocates by passing this important bill this session.

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