

2024 100 Ques In Annapolis Legislative Tracking Sheet

Bill(s)	Senate Sponsor(s)	Delegate Sponsor(s)	Synopsis	Why We Are Supporting This Bill
SB 0673/HB 0962	Nick Charles	Phillips, Boaf, Harris, J. Long, McCaskill, Pasteur, Roberson, Roberts, White Holland, Wilkins, Williams, and Woods	<p>State Procurement - Small and Minority Business Reserve Program (Parran J. Mitchell MBE Prime Contracting Act)</p> <p>Altering the Small Business Reserve Program to be the Small and Minority Business Reserve Program; requiring a unit of State government, as practicable, to structure its procurement procedures to achieve at least 10% of the unit's total dollar value of goods, supplies, services, maintenance, construction, construction-related services, and architectural and engineering contracts to be made to certified minority business enterprises; and requiring a certain study to include the Small and Minority Business Reserve Program.</p>	<p>Sponsored by our own Senator Nick Charles, this bill aims to ensure our small and minority businesses get their fair share of the economic pie. Economic and small business development is a building block to community stability.</p>
SB 0602/HB0658	McKay, Muse, Sydnor, Smith, Kelly, Waldstreicher, West, and Carter	Moon, Bartlett, Crutchfield, and Williams	<p>Criminal Procedure - Automated Expungement, Waiting Periods, and Adverse Actions (Clean Slate Act of 2024)</p> <p>Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence; establishing procedures for the automated expungement of certain clean slate eligible charges; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to submit a report semiannually detailing the progress and outcomes of the automated expungement process during the preceding 6 months; etc.</p>	<p>Many members of our community cannot get a fair shake because of something they did years ago that other communities don't get penalized for. Automatic expungements of certain low level crimes will remove a burden many in our communities face.</p>
HB 0027		Acevero	<p>No-Knock Warrants</p> <p>Repealing the authority for the issuance and execution of a no-knock search warrant; establishing that a warrant may not authorize an officer to enter a building, apartment, premises or place without first announcing the officer's purpose and authority; specifying that a warrant may be executed only between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; and requiring an officer executing a search warrant, prior to entering certain areas to be searched, to give reasonable notice to alert any occupants within the officer's authority and purpose.</p>	<p>The Breonna Taylor case reminds us that no-knock warrants are a relic of the past that endangers both citizens and law enforcement officers. Ending them will help repair/improve the relationship between our community and the law enforcement without hampering law enforcement's ability to do their jobs effectively.</p>

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SB0327/HB 0848	West	McComas, Chisholm, Ciliberti, Crutchfield, Schmidt, Williams, and Wivell	<p style="text-align: center;">Family Law - Child Custody - Determinations</p> <p>Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that relates to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interest of the child.</p>	<p>Many members of our organization in particular, and men in general, sometimes face uphill battles when it comes to child custody and parental visitation. Allowing modifications based on changing circumstances will allow more men to become and stay connected with their children.</p>
HB 0037		Bartlett	<p style="text-align: center;">Reentry Services for Women</p> <p>Establishing the Commission on Reentry Services for Women overseen by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to create a comprehensive reentry plan for formerly incarcerated women; requiring the Commission to study the challenges faced by formerly incarcerated women, gather data from counties, identify service gaps, and report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by June 30, 2025; establishing the Reentry Pilot Program for Formerly Incarcerated Women to connect formerly incarcerated women to supportive services; etc.</p>	<p>Women are the fastest growing prison population. More attention needs to be paid to what happens to these returning citizens when they are released. In many cases, it is not just the individual that needs help. Many women are mothers that have children that need additional support as well. This bill is the first step in helping returning women and their children become re-acclimated and get back on a path to self sufficiency.</p>
SB1013	Nick Charles		<p style="text-align: center;">State Lottery - Instant Ticket Lottery Machines - Veterans' and Fraternal Organizations</p> <p>Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; altering the distribution of proceeds from certain instant ticket lottery machine sales by a veterans' organization; repealing a requirement that certain veterans' organizations purchase or lease certain instant ticket lottery machines; etc.</p>	<p>Sponsored by our own Senator Nick Charles, this bill aims to give certain non-profits access to an additional revenue stream. This bill could open the door for fraternity centers across the state to gain additional revenue that will go to support our many worthy programs.</p>