



Legislative Committee Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Teleconference Meeting via Zoom

Karen Yoho, Chair
Brenda Wolff, Vice Chair

Agenda

1.	Meeting Opening	Opening Remarks & Roll Call	Karen Yoho/ Brenda Wolff/ John Woolums	15 min.
2.	2022 Legislative Priorities & Positions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Decision 	Discussion & Approval	Karen Yoho/ John Woolums/ All	15 min.
3.	State Legislative Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2021 Special Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Veto Overrides • 2022 Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DLS Issue Papers & Education Highlights 	Information & Discussion	Karen Yoho/ John Woolums/ All	40 min.
4.	State Board Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Mask Mandate Regulation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approved on Dec. 7, 2021 • Bullying, Harassment, Intimidation Policy 	Information & Discussion	Karen Yoho/ John Woolums/ All	40 min.
5.	Legislative Committee Calendar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 10, 2022 (12:30-2:30 after LSA) • February 7 and 28, 2022 • March 14 and 28, 2022 • April 18, 2022 	Information & Discussion	Karen Yoho/ John Woolums/ All	5 min.
6.	Adjournment	Closing Remarks	Karen Yoho	

Meeting Materials

2022 MABE Legislative Priorities & Positions

- Review & Approve Final Document
 - [2022 Legislative Priorities & Positions \(Final\)](#)

State Legislative Updates – Special Session

Congressional Redistricting

The General Assembly reconvened on December 6, 2021 for a Special Session to enact legislation specifying the legislative redistricting map for Maryland's 8 congressional districts ([House Bill 1/Senate Bill 1 \(Ch. 32\)](#)). This was the only new legislation considered and enacted during the Special Session.

Veto Overrides

The Special Session also featured votes to override the Governor's vetoes of bills passed in 2021.

Education-related bills (and bills concerning local income "piggy-back" tax revenues and community colleges) that are now law by veto override include:

- [HB 836/SB 741](#) - COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021 - This emergency bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in collaboration with local health departments (LHDs) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), to adopt and implement a two-year plan to respond to COVID-19. (The bill mandated plans by June 1, 2021, and the provisions relating to specified COVID-19 testing/infection control plans, additional funding for nursing homes, and insurance would terminate December 31, 2022.)
- [HB 319/SB 133](#) - Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2021 - This bill authorizes local governments to impose the county income tax on a bracket basis and requires all local governments to impose a minimum tax rate of 2.25%. The bill also alters the local income tax rates that a jurisdiction must impose in order to qualify for enhanced State funding under the disparity grant program. This change is subject to the jurisdiction imposing the county income tax on a bracket basis.
- [HB 894/SB 746](#) - This bill establishes a collective bargaining process for local community college employees including full-time faculty, part-time faculty, and specified staff but excluding officers, supervisory or confidential employees, and student assistants.

State Treasurer

The legislature also installed Derek Davis as the new State Treasurer; he is filling the position long-held by Nancy Kopp.

State Board Updates

- [Emergency Mask Mandate Regulations](#)
- [Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Policy Update](#)

2022 DLS Issue Papers Highlights

Revenue Outlook

“The revenue from certain online sales is split between the General Fund and the Blueprint Fund for education. In fiscal 2021, revenue from these online sales totaled \$523.3 million with the first \$100 million going to the General Fund and the Blueprint Fund receiving \$423.3 million. However, this reflects an undercount of the relevant online sales tax revenue in the range of \$90 million. Thus, the amount going to the Blueprint Fund should have been higher and the General Fund lower than officially reported. The Comptroller’s Office plans to make an extra distribution to the Blueprint Fund in fiscal 2022, once the amount of the undercount is finalized.”

Fiscal 2023 to 2028 Forecast

“Relative to the forecast prepared following the 2021 session, which projected structural deficits starting in fiscal 2023 followed by cash shortfalls beginning in fiscal 2024, the State’s fiscal outlook has improved significantly. As Exhibit 3 shows, the additional revenue at closeout and subsequent upward revisions of revenue estimates throughout the forecast period contribute to a projected closing cash balance of over \$1.7 billion in fiscal 2023 that grows to \$7.2 billion by fiscal 2028.”

“The forecast also assumes maintenance of a Rainy Day Fund balance equivalent to 10% of general fund revenues beginning in fiscal 2024. In terms of structural balance, the forecast now projects a surplus for the entire forecast period, peaking at close to \$1.6 billion in fiscal 2026 before beginning to decrease in fiscal 2027 and 2028, as general funds are needed to continue implementing education initiatives previously funded solely through the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund.”

Education Section Highlights

- State Education Aid and Blueprint for Maryland’s Future Fund
- Blueprint for Maryland’s Future
- School Reopening and Addressing Impacts of COVID-19
- School Construction
- Child Care and Early Childhood Education

Links: [Full Document](#) and [Education Section](#) (pp. 51-71)