2014 General Assembly

New Bills of Interest

January 21 to 24

Here are selected new bills filed in the General Assembly last week. The list is organized by topic. Highlights include:

HB 235	Enact Executive Branch Budget
HB 242	Protect crime victim from retaliation for taking leave to attend related proceeding
HB 256	Create adult abuse registry to be used by LTC providers when hiring
SB 88	Remove board of health ability to adopt regulations (affects smoke free rules)
SB 99	"ATT Bill:" reduce phone company obligation to provide landline phone service

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Budget	<u>HB 235</u>	Rand	The Executive Branch Budget
Budget	HB 238	Rand	The Judicial Branch Budget
Budget	HB 253	Rand	The Legislative Branch Budget
Consumer	HB 232	Riggs	Require consumer notification when a data breach reveals personally identifiable information
Corrections	HB 239	Jenkins	Establish a procedure for handling a complaint against a jail officer
Econ Dev	<u>HB 249</u>	Yonts	Establish pilot program to accelerate entrepreneurship and innovation by partnering entrepreneurs with state agencies
Education	HB 248	Montell	Scholarships for at-risk children: create tax credit for contributions to organizations that provide

			scholarships to students at qualified schools; details
Education	<u>HB 254</u>	J. Lee	Clarify that programs for special education students extend through the school year in which they reach their 21 st birthday; more
Education	<u>SB 87</u>	Humphries	Permit high school seniors to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses
Education	<u>SB 89</u>	Higdon	Permit local board of ed or school council to supplement state board academic content standards with higher standards; more re web-based contracts
Employment	HB 242	Jenkins	Prohibit employers from discharging or retaliating against employee crime victim who gives notice and takes leave to attend criminal proceedings; details
Employment	HB 251	Butler	Establish rebuttable presumption that specified cancers are an occupational disease for paid or volunteer firefighters; more re workers comp
Employment	<u>SB 93</u>	McDaniel	Provide that judge or justice who is convicted of or pleads guilty to a crime relating to his or her duties shall cease membership in Judicial Retirement Plan
Environment	<u>HB 241</u>	Jenkins	Coal combustion residues: require disposal of CCRs as solid waste or in impoundments permitted by the Energy and Environment Cabinet; details
Health	HB 240	Jenkins	Permit person meeting definition of "incapacitated by alcohol and/or other drug abuse" to be court ordered to treatment; details
Health	HB 256	Palumbo	Require CHFS to create adult abuse registry; prohibit LTC provider from employing individual or volunteer whose name appears on registry; details
Health	HB 257	Dossett	Establish a process for applying for and receiving an early fetal death certificate
Health	<u>SB 88</u>	Seum	Remove board of health ability to adopt regulations by transferring authority local legislative body; details
Health	<u>SB 94</u>	McDaniel	Anesthesiologist assistants: provide for licensing and regulation; create Advisory Committee; details
Health	<u>SB 98</u>	Gregory	Personal care services: allow agencies to query CHFS on whether prospective employee or volunteer has validated finding of adult abuse; details
Housing	<u>SB 101</u>	McDaniel	Allow local governments to post required ads online in lieu of newspaper publication, if one-time advertisement is published in actual newspaper
Housing	<u>SB 97</u>	McGarvey	Allow planning unit to incorporate airport noise overlay districts and provide guidelines on acoustical insulation benefits to structures within zone

Taxes	<u>HB 247</u>	Heath	Exempt from sales and use tax gross receipts from a
			charitable auction held by a nonprofit civic,
			governmental, or other nonprofit organization
Transportation	HB 255	Coursey	Increase fine for creating a false disabled parking
			sticker to \$500; devote 75% of fine to personal care
			assistance program; details
Utilities	<u>SB 91</u>	Carpenter	Allow Public Service Commission to deliver orders
			by electronic transmission (emails, hyperlinks) unless
			a party objects in writing
Utilities	<u>SB 99</u>	Hornback	"ATT bill:" end PSC authority over phone exchanges
			with 15K+ housing units; reduce obligation to
			provide basic local exchange (wireline); more