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LEGISLATION



Ready for Governor's Signature








Bill Died in Committee



Bill Signed into Law

BILL STATUS

BILL TITLE	House Bill	Senate Bill	STATUS
Public Schools-Children with Anaphylactic Allergies	HB 26		This bill requires a school principal or the principal's designee of a public school in which a student has an anaphylactic allergy to take steps to reduce the child's risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents, monitor an individual file and health plan for the student, and require training of school staff to treat children having anaphylactic allergic reactions. It also limits the liability of school staff who responds in good faith with respect to treatment of students having anaphylactic allergic reactions. It also addresses procedures for granting and revoking authority for self-administration of medication. <i>The bill is now in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee for further consideration and was heard on April 1.</i>
Unemployment Insurance - Eligibility - Part-Time Work	HB 310 	SB 270 	This emergency Administration bill makes an individual whose availability to work is restricted to part-time work eligible for unemployment benefits, if the individual works predominantly throughout the year on a part-time basis for at least 20 hours per week. A part-time worker is eligible for benefits based on wages predominantly earned from part-time work; must be actively seeking part-time work; must be available for part-time work for at least the number of hours worked at the part-time worker's previous employment; cannot impose any other restrictions on the part-time worker's ability or availability to work; and must be in a labor market in which a reasonable demand exists for part-time work. A qualified part-time worker with a disability may not have the disability used as a disqualifying factor. A part-time worker is not considered to be unemployed if working all hours for which the part-time worker is available.
Baltimore City - Medical Assistance Programs -	HB 500		As amended this bill requires the Baltimore City Public School System and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to enter into a written agreement on or before August 1 of each year that requires the

Eligibility and Enrollment Information Mailings to Students			Baltimore City School System to disclose the name, address, and eligibility information of each student in Baltimore City who is enrolled in the National School Lunch Program to the Department unless the parent or guardian elects not to have the information disclosed, etc. <i>The bill passed the House by a vote of 133-0 and was heard March 26 in the Senate Finance Committee.</i>
Cooperative Purchasing Agreements - Requirements and Expansion of Use	HB 533 		As amended the bill provides that each procurement contract for supplies or services entered into by a state or local entity shall include a provision that facilitates other state and local entities and not-for-profit entities to participate in the contract. Does not apply to: (1) procurement for a capital facility, improvement, or other unique purchase; or procurement with a projected value of less than \$100,000.
Food Service Facilities - Artificial Trans Fats - Prohibition	HB 567 		This bill prohibits food containing artificial trans fat from being stored, distributed, held for service, used in preparation of any menu item, or served in any food service facility. The prohibition does not apply to food served directly to patrons in the original sealed manufacturer's package. <i>The bill was withdrawn.</i>
Public Schools and Child Care Centers - Artificial Color Additives - Prohibition		SB 100 	This bill prohibits public schools and child care centers from purchasing, selling, using, or serving food products containing man-made artificial color additives after July 1, 2010. The State Board of Education may adopt regulations to implement the bill. <i>The bill received an unfavorable report from the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.</i>