



# DELEGATE N. SCOTT PHILLIPS

2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES RECAP

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# Welcome



**Delegate  
N. Scott Phillips**

As we reflect on the 2026 Legislative Session, I am proud to share the meaningful progress we have made on behalf of District 10 and communities across Maryland.

This booklet highlights key legislation passed during this session, including priority bills championed by the Legislative Black Caucus of Maryland, as well as legislation I was honored to support and advance. Together, these efforts represent a continued commitment to equity, opportunity, and justice, focusing on issues that directly impact the lives of Marylanders every day.

From expanding access to healthcare and strengthening maternal health outcomes, to advancing economic opportunity, improving housing stability, and promoting public safety and education—this session was centered on building stronger, healthier, and more resilient communities.

The Legislative Black Caucus has long played a critical role in shaping policies that address disparities and create pathways forward. These bills reflect that mission, addressing real challenges with thoughtful, community-informed solutions.

I remain deeply committed to doing the work, listening, advocating, and delivering results that move District 10 and our state forward. This booklet offers a snapshot of that work and the progress we've made together.

Thank you for your continued engagement and partnership.

Delegate N. Scott Phillips  
Maryland House of Delegates, District 10  
Chair, Legislative Black Caucus of MD

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# **2026** *Legislation Led By* **Delegate Phillips** *2026 Maryland Legislative Session*

During the 2026 Legislative Session, Delegate N. Scott Phillips introduced and led legislation focused on strengthening public safety, promoting fairness within the justice system, expanding economic opportunity, and ensuring accountability in government. The bills below reflect a continued commitment to delivering thoughtful, community-centered solutions for District 10 and the State of Maryland.

## **Justice & Public Safety**

### **HB 0491 / SB 531 – Criminal Procedure: Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior**

Enhances protections for survivors by strengthening requirements around consent and communication.

### **HB 1054 – Criminal Law: Ethics Violations, Malfeasance, Misfeasance, and Nonfeasance**

Addresses accountability by establishing clearer timelines for prosecuting public ethics violations.

### **SB 323 – Juvenile Court: Youth Charging Reform**

Reducing the number of offences for which youth are charged as adults.

### **SB 0791 – Criminal Procedure: Community Trust Act**

Ensuring due process and legal protections for the immigrant community.

# 2026 Legislation Led By Delegate Phillips

## 2026 Maryland Legislative Session

### Housing & Economic Opportunity

#### **HB 0738 / SB 0651 – Real Property: Transfer-on-Death Deed**

Creates a streamlined process for transferring property, helping families build and preserve generational wealth.

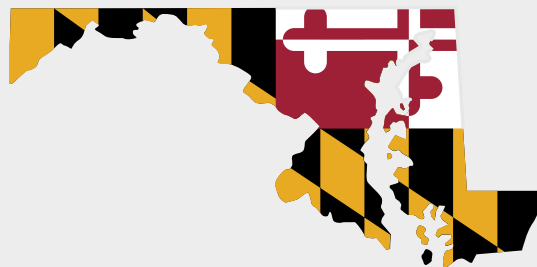
#### **HB1216 – Insurance: Certificates of Guarantee**

Increasing opportunities for small businesses to participate in government projects through a less expensive insurance certificate process

### Government Accountability

#### **HB 0587 – Procurement: Department of Transportation & Maryland Transportation Authority Contracts – Board of Public Works Authority Study**

Promotes transparency and oversight in major transportation contracts to ensure responsible use of public funds.



*Together, these efforts reflect Delegate Phillips' ongoing commitment to advancing policies that create safer communities, expand opportunity, and strengthen trust in government.*



## LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND

# 2026 *Legislative Priorities*

## Bills Passed

### Health & Environmental Justice

- HB 446 / SB 555 – Health: Dementia Services and Brain Health Program and Clinical Toolkit
- Sponsored by Delegate Martinez and Senator Hayes
- HB 1118 / SB 891 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations: Perinatal Behavioral Health Conditions

### Economic Empowerment & Housing Justice

- HB 738 / SB 651 – Real Property: Transfer on Death Deed – Establishment
- Sponsored by Delegate Phillips and Senator Henson
- HB 849 – Child Care Scholarship Program: Freeze in Enrollment – Exceptions
- Sponsored by Delegate Mireku-North
- HB 919 / SB 657 – Maryland Higher Education Commission: Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal (PAREA) Grant Program – Established
- Sponsored by Delegate Taylor and Senator Henson
- HB 1218 / SB 941 – Safe and Healthy Homes for All Act



## LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND

# 2026 *Legislative Priorities*

## Bills Passed

### Justice & Public Safety

- HB 552 / SB 776 – Independent Investigation of the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children
- Sponsored by Delegate Long and Senator Smith
- SB 187 – Correctional Services: Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services – Female Incarcerated Individuals
- Sponsored by Senator M. Washington and Delegate Crutchfield
- SB 322 – Courts: Jury Service – Disqualification
- Sponsored by Senator Sydnor and Delegate Roberson
- SB 323 – Juvenile Court: Jurisdiction (Youth Charging Reform Act)

### Education

- HB 340 / SB 238 – School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact
- Sponsored by Delegate Mireku-North and Senator Augustine
- HB 396 / SB 402 – Residential Child Care Programs: Education of Children and Training of Child and Youth Care Practitioners

### Civil Rights

- HB 444 / SB 245 – Public Safety: Immigration Enforcement Agreements – Prohibition
- Sponsored by Delegate Williams and Senator Smith
- SB 255 – Voting Rights Act of 2026 – Counties and Municipal Corporations

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