



## NEWS RELEASE

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2021 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

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### Prince George's County Young Democrats

Prince George's County, MD - The membership of the Prince George's County Young Democrats Legislative Committee have voted to support the following coalitions and legislation:

#### Coalitions

- UMD Black Student Leaders
- Sunrise Movement- Baltimore

#### Resolutions in SUPPORT

##### DELEGATE JULIAN IVEY (D47A)

- HB332: Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard - Eligible Sources
- HB702: Higher Education - Standardized Tests - Prohibition of Use in Student Admissions
- HB142: Income Tax - Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit - Alterations
- HB722: Procurement - Disparity Studies - African American-Owned Businesses
- HB723: Public Institutions of Higher Education – Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Individuals – Academic and Employment Opportunities
- HB703: Transportation - I-270 and I-495 - Prohibition on Adding New Lanes
- HB705: Transportation – I-270 and I-495 – Prohibition on Toll Lanes (Stop Unnecessary Toll Lanes Act of 2021)

**CANTU AMENDMENT:** In the event of said toll lanes, that the fines generated by toll lanes contribute to public transportation and air quality improvement, including tree planting.

- HB725: Constitutional Amendment - Legislative Sessions

**FRIAS AMENDMENT:** This legislation will appropriate ½ of current appropriations for staff and associated workers as is appropriated for the 90 day session, for each of said newly created legislative sessions.

##### SENATOR CHARLES SYDNOR (D44)

- SB187: Criminal Procedure – Forensic Genetic Genealogical DNA Analysis, Searching, Regulation, and Oversight
- SB55: Legislative Department - Eligibility to Serve as Senators and Delegates - Place of Abode
- SB166: Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Duty to Report Misconduct (Maryland Police Accountability Act)

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- **SB590: Criminal Procedure - Required Disclosures - Brady Material**
- **SB456: Office of the State's Attorney - Collection and Publication of Prosecutorial Information**
- **SB588: Law Enforcement Officers - Creditability of Witnesses and Misconduct Database (Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021)**

**ELLIOTT AMENDMENT:** Said database has the requirement to transfer in data from other states' misconduct databases.

**SENATOR JILL P. CARTER (D41)**
- **SB482: Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Whistleblower Protections**
- **SB419: No-Knock Warrants - Elimination**

**CANTU/PARKER AMENDMENT:** If a Sheriff's office or other policing agency is found to be executing or pursuing a no-knock warrant following the passage of this bill, there will be a fine of no less than \$10,000 than it is earmarked for the jurisdiction's Public Defender's Office with said funding coming from their operating budget of said policing agencies without the ability to supplement or supplant said fines in future budgets.

**DELEGATE C.T. WILSON (D28)**
- **HB11: Public Schools - African American History - Development of Content Standards and Implementation**
- **HB106: Office of the Attorney General - Website to Report Robocalls and Other Spam Calls**

**SENATOR CLARENCE LAM (D12)**
- **SB234: Personal Information - State and Local Agencies - Restrictions on Access**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOUSE DELEGATION CHAIR, DELEGATE EREK BARRON (D24)**
- **PG-414: Prince George's County – Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharges – Behavioral Health Programs**

**ELLIOTT/CANTU AMENDMENT:** This legislation will disallow the purchase of firearms and/or tactical gear with this surcharge's revenue.

**DELEGATE JAZZ LEWIS (D24)**
- **HB409: Juveniles Convicted as Adults - Sentencing - Limitations and Reduction (Juvenile Restoration Act)**

**DELEGATE ALONZO WASHINGTON (D22)**
- **PG-506-21: Prince George's County – Board of Education – Student Member Voting and Member Candidacy**

**DELEGATE DEBRA M. DAVIS (D28)**
- **HB414: Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project – Funding**

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**DELEGATE ANDREA FLETCHER-HARRISON (D24)**

- **HB448: State Government - Legal and Employee Holiday - Juneteenth National Freedom Day**

**DELEGATE SHEREE SAMPLE-HUGHES (D37A)**

- **HB667: General Provisions - State Song - Repeal**

**DELEGATE BRIAN CROSBY (D29B)**

- **HB655: Local Government – County Commissioner Elections – District Voting**

**DELEGATE BROOKE LIERMAN (D46)**

- **HB114: Maryland Transit Administration - Funding (Transit Safety and Investment Act)**

**DELEGATE DARRYL BARNES (D25)**

- **HB453: Health - Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act**

**DELEGATE ROBIN GRAMMER (D6)**

- **HB415: Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess, and Carry – Medical Cannabis**

**Resolutions in OPPOSITION**

**SPEAKER ADRIENNE FERGUSON (D10) & SENATE PRESIDENT BILL FERGUSON (D46)**

- **HB0740/SB0576: Building Opportunity Act of 2021**

**CANTU AMENDMENT:** The Maryland Stadium Authority will be granted at least one member on the Governing Board by a majority vote among the Prince George's County House Delegation, with recommendations coming from Prince George's County stakeholders.

**DELEGATE DAN COX (D4)**

- **HB17: Public Safety - Emergency Powers Limitations (Consent of the Governed Act)**
- **OPPOSING the in-person reopening of the Prince George's County Public Schools system, as COVID is even more contagious and dangerous than when schools first closed down, and many teachers and community elders remain unvaccinated.**

**CANTU/HARRIS AMENDMENT:** Dedicated resources to close the virtual learning gap, establishing guidelines for school resources to assist students, such as providing food and laptops, and using best practices from other successful virtual learning programs

*“The members of PGCYD remain committed to amplifying their voices on potential policy decisions that could impact their communities and daily life. We look forward to working with our elected leaders to ensure that public policy presented before us, is for us and for the betterment of everyone, and not just a select few”*

**Chair of Legislative Affairs As A Whole, Phylicia Henry**

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