



# CORDERMAN

## STATE SENATE



## Senator Corderman Publishes Agenda for 2024 Maryland General Assembly Legislative Session



### **Senate Bill 575: Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson Judicial Security Act**

Senate Bill 575 serves to shield the personal information of certain protected individuals from being published on the internet or social media. The bill will permit the individual to request that their information is removed from any existing publications. The individual will be entitled to receive certain relief for a violation of this act. The bill is named in honor of the late Judge Andrew F. Wilkinson of Hagerstown, MD.

*"Members of the Maryland Judiciary serve because they care deeply about their communities and about our state, despite the additional safety risks associated with their role. It is beyond comprehension that targeted hate leading to unwarranted violence can be inflicted upon a specific group of public servants in the same state, in the same community. Immediate action must be taken to protect the state's judicial officers and their families in the hope that a similar situation can be avoided in the future," remarked Corderman.*

### **Senate Bill 860: Correctional Services - Inmate Release Study**

Senate Bill 860 requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to conduct an annual study on the residency of individuals prior to incarceration compared to where they reside upon release from a State facility. The Department will be required to present this report to certain committees of the Maryland General Assembly, by the first of October each year beginning in 2025.

***"Washington County is home to three of the state's largest correctional facilities. Often times, that means that our County bears the burden of absorbing countless recently released individuals into our local social programs, parole and probation offices, etc. This bill will help us identify the exact number of individuals being released into our community that were not originally from our community," said Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 554: Criminal Procedure - Not Criminally Responsible Verdict Term of Commitment**

Senate Bill 554 establishes a requirement for the courts to commit an individual who has been found not criminally responsible for first degree murder, to life in a designated health care facility. If the defendant is found not criminally responsible for second degree murder, then they will be committed to the facility for forty years.

***"The families of the victims deserve better, and it is agonizing for them to now have to relive this horrific experience on an annual basis, knowing that the individual that murdered their loved ones could be released in as little as a year after undergoing therapeutic treatment," noted Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 632: Peace Orders - Visual Surveillance**

Senate Bill 632 protects individuals who allege that another person has utilized visual surveillance to observe their properties. This bill will allow the individual to file a peace order if they believe that they had a reasonable expectation of privacy regarding the area being surveilled.

***"We understand that property owners have a right to place cameras on their property. At the same time, a family has the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy. The aggressive and abusive behavior exhibited by certain individuals is unwarranted, and interferes with the comfort and safety of communities statewide," stated Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 1076: Sales and Use Tax - Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles Transportation Trust Fund**

Senate Bill 1076 requires the Comptroller to place the revenue from the sales and use tax from the sale of electricity that is utilized to charge an electric vehicle, into the Transportation Trust Fund. This is only applicable to electric vehicle charging stations, or electricity used to charge an electric vehicle that is not sold under the Public Service Commission's residential/domestic rate schedule.

***"Our aging infrastructure needs immediate attention and with the increased push towards electric vehicles, less funds are being allocated to the Transportation Trust Fund. As such, it's only fair that Electric vehicles utilizing our transportation infrastructure start contributing to the Transportation Trust Fund. This bill helps to accomplish that objective by directing funds derived from Electric Vehicles to the roadways and bridges they utilize in our communities," said Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 1077: Public Schools - Appropriations for School Safety Expenditures - School Security Employees**

Senate Bill 1077 increases the annual appropriation for school safety expenditures beginning in the fiscal year 2026, and continuing to 2027. Local school systems will be able to access certain funds for school security employees. Additionally, the bill will alter grant funds to be based on the enrollment of students.

***"The funds allocated for this grant have not been increased since 2018. With inflationary pressures at an all-time high, we feel investing in our students' right to***

*a safe and secure school is well worth the effort," said Corderman.*

### **Senate Bill 851: Public School Interscholastic Athletics - Student Eligibility Waiver and Classification**

Senate Bill 851 allows the board of education for each county to waive the eligibility requirement for students who attend certain public high schools, so that the students are able to participate in interscholastic athletics at a Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association member school. Additionally, the bill will require the county superintendent to report to Association the school enrollment of member schools in grades 9 through 11.

***"Public school athletics are a major pillar of many students' high school experiences. Allowing students to play and represent their 'home' high school is important to both the communities these student athletes grew up in as well as the student athletes themselves," said Corderman.***

### **Senate Bill 749: Institutions of Higher Education - Dual Enrollment Alterations**

Senate Bill 749 allows for the definition of a dually enrolled student to include students who are homeschooled or those who are enrolled in a nonpublic secondary school. The bill would open the opportunities of applying for the Part-Time Grant Program and the Early College Access Grant to students with diverse schooling backgrounds.

***"Public and private school students should be afforded the same opportunity as public-school students. Their families contribute to our tax base and should be given equal opportunity to get a head start on their college careers through the Dual Enrollment Program," said Corderman.***

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