

Waugh - School safety moving fast

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Annapolis, MD - We are committed to school safety, and Wednesday morning, April 4 a Senate committee passed the final piece. Classroom protections were moved into House Bill (HB) 1783, and other components were moved into two others. The remaining components of my four bills have been consolidated in Senate Bill (SB) 1265, renamed the "Safe to Learn Act." The bill has three major purposes—mental and behavioral health in schools, organizational changes to Maryland Center for School Safety, security measures in schools and \$40 million was attached to the bill for this year.

Calvert County Capital Projects

Agreements were reached on the Governor's Capital Budget for many projects in Calvert County including: Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum \$3.8 million for renovations; Calvert Health Systems \$1.7 million for renovations to the behavioral health unit, North Beach Volunteer Fire Department \$100,000 for boat maintenance, Calvert County Detention Center \$500,000 for an addition to the Inmate Program Space, East-John Youth Center Pools, \$50,000 for repairs

Last week we forgot to mention that St. Mary's Nursing Center is receiving \$75,000 for renovations. [Learn more](#)

Veterans Bills

Twenty-five bills are moving! As of Wednesday morning, April 4 almost half of the bills related to vets crossed between House and Senate including many issues on the vet agenda. Some examples are: Colonel Todd J. Hixson Memorial Resource Center Act, disabled veterans, interviews for noncompetitive appointment; driver's licenses and identification cards, notation for surviving spouses of veterans; employment in the state's defense industry, study; exemption from vehicle registration fees, surviving spouses of veterans; income tax, subtraction modification, military retirement income; income tax checkoff, Maryland veterans trust fund; Maryland veterans service animal program fund, priority registration for members of the armed forces; procurement, veteran-owned small business enterprise participation, property tax credit; elderly individuals and veterans, registration fee exemptions; disabled veterans, veteran and armed services member suicide reporting, veteran employment and transition success program, veteran suicide prevention, comprehensive action plan; and Washington County, property tax credit for disabled veterans.

Application period extended

We extended the application period for Senatorial Scholarship to April 15, 2018. For more information on how to apply for the 2018-2019 Senatorial Scholarship, [click here](#). Please continue to pray for our community. Semper Fi.

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