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## JOINT STATUTORY COMMITTEES

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Joint statutory committees are created by act of the General Assembly. Their duties, membership, and tenure are specified either in the *Annotated Code of Maryland* or the *Laws of Maryland*. Most commonly, these committees are composed of an equal number of members from the Senate and House of Delegates.

Presently, the General Assembly has eleven joint statutory committees. They oversee Legislative Policy; Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review; Budget and Audit; Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas; Federal Relations; Health Care Delivery and Financing; Legislative Ethics; Management of Public Funds; Spending Affordability; Vehicle Emissions Inspection; and Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance.

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### LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

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*Co-Chairpersons:*

Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *Senate President*  
Casper R. Taylor, Jr., *House Speaker*

Staff: Michael I. Volk  
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Annapolis, MD 21401 (410) 841-3848

**MANDATED REPORTS**

*Report to General Assembly on bills, resolutions, & recommendations intended for submission at next session.*

*Report to General Assembly updating matters before Committee due periodically.*

The Legislative Policy Committee originated in 1939 as the Legislative Council (Chapter 62, Acts of 1939). The Council was reorganized under its current name in 1976 (Chapter 362, Acts of 1976).

The Legislative Policy Committee coordinates and supervises the work of the standing committees of the General Assembly. The Committee studies the rules and procedures of the Senate and House of Delegates, and appoints special committees and subcommittees to study legislative matters. During the interim between sessions of the General Assembly, the Committee refers any recommended subject matter it receives to interim committees, holds hearings on any subject matter, and subpoenas witnesses and records as required. The Committee may prepare its own legislative recommendations and may endorse a legislative program in the form of bills, resolutions, or other proposals to be submitted to the General Assembly.

The Committee consists of twenty-six members, thirteen from the Senate and thirteen from the House of Delegates. The Senate is represented by the Senate President; President Pro Tem; Majority Leader; Minority Leader; and the chairpersons of the standing committees on Budget and Taxation, Economic and Environmental Affairs, Finance, and Judicial Proceedings. The Senate President appoints five additional senators to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The House of Delegates is represented by the House Speaker; Speaker Pro Tem; Majority Leader; Minority Leader; and the chairpersons of the

standing committees on Appropriations, Commerce and Government Matters, Economic Matters, Environmental Matters, Judiciary, and Ways and Means. The House Speaker appoints four additional delegates to represent the various areas and interests of the State. The Senate President and House Speaker serve as co-chairpersons (Code State Government Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-410).

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### JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

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Paula C. Hollinger, *Senate Chairperson*  
John Adams Hurson, *House Chairperson*

Staff: Margaret G. McHale; Jeremy McCoy  
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**MANDATED REPORTS**

*Annual Report to Legislative Policy Committee & General Assembly.*

The Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review (AELR) was formed in 1964 as the Committee on Legislative Review (Chapter 96, Acts of 1964). It was renamed the Committee on Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review in 1972 (Chapters 400, 699, Acts of 1972).

The Committee reviews State agency regulations with regard to the legislative prerogative and procedural due process. The Committee also may inquire into any failure of a State government officer or employee to comply with Maryland statutory or constitutional law. Further, the Committee sits as a legislative advisory board for the *Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)*.

The Committee receives copies of all regulations of each State agency. Unless submitted to the Committee, certain regulations or standards may be invalid (Code State Government Article, secs. 10-101 through 10-139).

The Committee is required to receive emergency executive orders promulgated by the Governor (Chapter 1, Acts of 2nd Special Session of 1973). This legislative authority has been updated annually.