

Legislative Update



AIA Maryland Legislative Update

Week of April 6, 2026 | Sine Die: April 13

We are entering the final days of the 2026 Legislative Session. Sine Die is April 13, when the General Assembly adjourns and all remaining legislation must be finalized.

Budget Bill Passed — Now With the Governor

SB 282 – Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Bill has passed both the Senate and the House and has been sent to the Governor.

The state budget impacts capital funding, school construction, infrastructure investment, and public building projects across Maryland — all areas that directly affect architectural practice.

Once a bill is delivered to the Governor, the Governor has **30 days** to sign or veto it. If signed, the budget becomes law for Fiscal Year 2027.

Priority Legislation: SB 653 / HB 1180

State Board of Architects – Grounds for Discipline & Anonymous Complaints

This is the architect bill backed by AIA Maryland and the State Board of Architects. It strengthens enforcement authority, protects the integrity of licensure, and ensures accountability in cases of fraudulent representation.

More than 500 architects and design professionals responded to our call to action this session.

This is what your AIA Maryland dues support — real policy impact that protects your profession.

We will provide a full session recap following Sine Die.



Keep Hearing About the “Architects Bill” — What’s the Deal?

HB 1180 / SB 653 strengthens the authority of the Maryland State Board of Architects to protect your license. In short, the bill:

- Requires the Board to act in serious violation cases (not just “consider” acting).
- Creates clear consequences for fraudulent use of the architect title.
- Ensures architectural submissions are certified by a licensed architect.
- Allows the Board to establish an anonymous reporting portal.

What it does not do: add new burdens for architects who are practicing ethically. This bill is about protecting the value of your license and making sure the architect title means something in Maryland. That’s it.

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