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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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WORCESTER COUNTY:

Berlin: The town of Berlin has sent a letter of support to the state to access state funding for the town of Ocean City led effort to reinvigorate the sports complex project.

Berlin: The town has commissioned a strategic plan with help from Beacon at Salisbury University. Issues include taxes, stormwater management, utilities, and accessibility.

WICOMICO COUNTY:

Salisbury: The city council had a very short meeting this week due to 2 council members being out sick or at personal functions. Several advisory board positions were appointed and filled.

Salisbury: The county council has appealed the previous circuit court decision that allowed the county executive to leave in place an appointee that the council did not veto but also did not confirm, essentially allowing a pocket appointment. John Cannon, the county council president, has filed an appeal at the Maryland court of appeals. County Executive Giordano has made her displeasure with the decision to appeal publicly known.

SOMERSET COUNTY: - Crisfield was the first recipient for Secretary Jake Days "Day trip". The armory will receive \$250k for repairs and conversion to a



entertainment venue. The Secretary also went to Princess Anne and met with county leaders to discuss how the town is growing and what the state has in the works for Somerset County.

MARYLAND: The General Assembly went into the 2024 session January 10th. There are looming crisis and new revelations that are going to need to be addressed and confronted this year. The next 90 days will be extremely impactful for the future of Maryland. Issues ranging from lack of private sector job growth, underfunded transportation projects, understaffed state agencies, and a massive educational mandate that are going to create a structural deficit of \$1.78 Billion. Bills will continue to be submitted and withdrawn for the next several weeks as the general assembly finds its ideological and policy footing.