

HOUSE BILL 1305

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By: **Delegate Myers**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Safe Schools – Reportable Offenses**

3 FOR the purpose of adding a certain offense for which a student is arrested to a list of
4 offenses that are required to be reported to certain school officials under certain
5 circumstances; and generally relating to the reporting of offenses for which a
6 student is arrested to school officials.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 7–303
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 7–303.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Criminal gang” has the meaning stated in § 9–801 of the Criminal
18 Law Article.

19 (3) “Law enforcement agency” means the law enforcement agencies
20 listed in § 3–101(e) of the Public Safety Article.

21 (4) “Local school system” means the schools and school programs
22 under the supervision of the local superintendent.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(5) “Local superintendent” means:

(i) The county superintendent, for the county in which a student is enrolled, or a designee of the superintendent, who is an administrator; or

(ii) The superintendent of schools for the:

1. Archdiocese of Baltimore;

2. Archdiocese of Washington; and

3. Catholic Diocese of Wilmington.

(6) “Reportable offense” means:

(i) A crime of violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ii) Any of the offenses enumerated in § 3–8A–03(d)(4) of the Courts Article;

(iii) A violation of § 4–101, § 4–102, § 4–203, or § 4–204 of the Criminal Law Article;

(iv) A violation of §§ 5–602 through 5–609, §§ 5–612 through 5–614, § 5–617, § 5–618, § 5–627, or § 5–628 of the Criminal Law Article;

(v) A violation of § 4–503, § 9–504, or § 9–505 of the Criminal Law Article;

(vi) A violation of § 6–102, § 6–103, § 6–104, or § 6–105 of the Criminal Law Article;

(vii) A violation of § 9–802 or § 9–803 of the Criminal Law Article;

(viii) A violation of § 3–203 of the Criminal Law Article;

(ix) A violation of § 6–301 of the Criminal Law Article;

(x) A violation of § 9–302, § 9–303, or § 9–305 of the Criminal Law Article; [or]

(xi) A violation of § 7–105 of the Criminal Law Article; OR

(XII) A VIOLATION OF § 5–601 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

1 (7) “School principal” means the principal of the public or nonpublic
2 school in which a student is enrolled, or a designee of the principal, who is an
3 administrator.

4 (8) (i) “School security officer” includes a school principal, another
5 school administrator, a law enforcement officer, or other individual employed by a
6 local school system or a local government who is designated by the county
7 superintendent or a school principal to help maintain the security and safety of a
8 school.

9 (ii) “School security officer” does not include a teacher.

10 (9) “Student” means an individual enrolled in a public school system
11 or nonpublic school in the State who is 5 years of age or older and under 22 years of
12 age.

13 (b) If a student is arrested for a reportable offense or an offense that is
14 related to the student’s membership in a criminal gang, the law enforcement agency
15 making the arrest:

16 (1) Shall notify the following individuals of the arrest and the charges
17 within 24 hours of the arrest or as soon as practicable:

18 (i) The local superintendent;

19 (ii) The school principal; and

20 (iii) For a school that has a school security officer, the school
21 security officer; and

22 (2) May notify the State’s Attorney of the arrest and charges.

23 (c) The State’s Attorney shall promptly notify either the local superintendent
24 or the school principal of the disposition of the reportable offense required to be
25 reported under subsection (b) of this section.

26 (d) Except by order of a juvenile court or other court upon good cause shown,
27 the information obtained by an individual pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this
28 section:

29 (1) Is confidential and may not be redisclosed by subpoena or
30 otherwise except as provided pursuant to subsections (e) and (f) of this section; and

31 (2) May not be made part of the student’s permanent educational
32 record.

1 (e) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,
2 nothing shall prohibit a local superintendent or school principal from transmitting the
3 information obtained pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of this section as a
4 confidential file to the local superintendent of another public school system in the
5 State or another nonpublic school in the State in which the student has enrolled or
6 been transferred in order to carry out the purposes of this section if the disposition of
7 the reportable offense was a conviction or an adjudication of delinquency or the
8 criminal charge or delinquency petition is still pending.

9 (2) A local superintendent or school principal who transmits
10 information about a student under this subsection shall include in the transmittal
11 information regarding any educational programming and related services provided to
12 the student.

13 (f) The State Board shall adopt regulations to ensure that information
14 obtained by a local superintendent, a school principal, or a school security officer
15 under subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section is:

16 (1) Used to provide appropriate educational programming and related
17 services to the student and to maintain a safe and secure school environment for
18 students and school personnel;

19 (2) Transmitted only to school personnel of the school in which the
20 student is enrolled as necessary to carry out the purposes set forth in item (1) of this
21 subsection; and

22 (3) Destroyed when the student graduates or otherwise permanently
23 leaves school or turns 22 years old, whichever occurs first.

24 (g) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
25 the local superintendent and the school principal shall consider prohibiting a student
26 who is arrested for a reportable offense involving rape or a sexual offense from
27 attending the same school or riding on the same school bus as the alleged victim of the
28 reportable offense if such action is necessary or appropriate to protect the physical or
29 psychological well-being of the alleged victim.

30 (2) If a student is arrested for a reportable offense involving rape or a
31 sexual offense and is convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for the rape or sexual
32 offense, the student may not attend the same school or ride on the same school bus as
33 the victim.

34 (h) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the manner in which a local
35 school obtains information or uses information obtained by any lawful means other
36 than that set forth in subsections (b), (c), and (e) of this section.

37 (i) Each public school that enrolls students in grades six through twelve in
38 the State shall designate at least one school security officer.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2011.