

# HOUSE BILL 294

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement Officers – Entrance–Level and Annual Training**  
3 **Requirements**  
4 **(Christopher’s Law)**

5 FOR the purpose of altering entrance–level and annual training conducted by the  
6 State and each county and municipal police training school and required by the  
7 Police Training Commission to include certain training consistent with certain  
8 provisions; and generally relating to entrance–level and annual training  
9 requirements for law enforcement officers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Public Safety  
12 Section 3–207  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 3–207.

19 Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following  
20 powers and duties:

21 (1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of  
22 approval of schools that conduct police entrance–level and in–service training courses

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 required by the Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training  
2 schools;

3 (2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training  
4 schools;

5 (3) to inspect police training schools;

6 (4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued  
7 to a police training school;

8 (5) to establish the following for police training schools:

9 (i) curriculum;

10 (ii) minimum courses of study;

11 (iii) attendance requirements;

12 (iv) eligibility requirements;

13 (v) equipment and facilities;

14 (vi) standards of operation; and

15 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

16 (6) to require, for entrance-level police training and at least every 3  
17 years for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and  
18 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study  
19 include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

20 (i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses,  
21 including the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary  
22 procedures;

23 (ii) the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and  
24 delinquent acts;

25 (iii) the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims  
26 and victims' representatives under State law; and

27 (iv) the notification of victims of identity fraud and related  
28 crimes of their rights under federal law;

1           (7) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified instructors  
2 for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training  
3 programs;

4           (8) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed training  
5 programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

6           (9) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the  
7 Commission to offer police training programs;

8           (10) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service  
9 training methods and procedures;

10           (11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized  
11 federal, State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

12           (12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and  
13 institutions in the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in  
14 police science and police administration;

15           (13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State  
16 concerned with police training;

17           (14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical  
18 Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report  
19 form to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before  
20 October 1, 2008;

21           (15) to require, for entrance-level police training and annually for  
22 in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal  
23 police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include,  
24 **CONSISTENT WITH ESTABLISHED LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND**  
25 **FEDERAL AND STATE CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS:**

26                   **(I) TRAINING IN LIFESAVING TECHNIQUES, INCLUDING**  
27 **CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (CPR);**

28                   **(II) TRAINING IN THE PROPER LEVEL AND USE OF FORCE;**

29                   **(III) TRAINING REGARDING SENSITIVITY TO CULTURAL AND**  
30 **GENDER DIVERSITY;**

31                   **(IV) TRAINING REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL**  
32 **AND INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND**

1                   **(V)** for police officers who are issued an electronic control device  
2 by a law enforcement agency, special training in the proper use of electronic control  
3 devices, as defined in § 4-109 of the Criminal Law Article[, consistent with  
4 established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional  
5 provisions];

6                   (16) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Attorney  
7 General, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, and the Federal  
8 Trade Commission, a uniform identity fraud reporting form that:

9                   (i) makes transmitted data available on or before October 1,  
10 2011, for use by each law enforcement agency of State and local government; and

11                   (ii) may authorize the data to be transmitted to the Consumer  
12 Sentinel program in the Federal Trade Commission; and

13                   (17) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry  
14 out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

15                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2014.