

# SENATE BILL 193

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By: **Senator Waugh**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Victim Demographics – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Victim Services to include in its annual  
4 written report to the Governor demographics for crime victims in the State; requiring  
5 the Board to collect certain information about crime victims from each county; and  
6 generally relating to reporting of crime victim demographics.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – Criminal Procedure  
9 Section 11–914  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15 11–914.

16 Subject to the authority of the Executive Director, the Board shall:

17 (1) submit to the Governor an annual written report [of its activities],  
18 including [its]:

19 **(I) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD;**

20 **(II) THE administration of the Fund BY THE BOARD; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**(III) DEMOGRAPHICS FOR CRIME VICTIMS IN THE STATE;**

(2) monitor the service needs of victims;

(3) advise the Governor on the needs of victims;

(4) recommend the appointment of the Victim Services Coordinator to the Executive Director;

(5) review and approve the Victim Services Coordinator's plans and annual reports, and the Victim Services Coordinator's implementation, operation, and revision of programs;

(6) approve or disapprove each grant application submitted by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention;

(7) advise the State's Attorneys' Coordination Council on the adoption of regulations governing the administration of the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program established under § 11-902 of this subtitle;

(8) advise the State's Attorneys' Coordinator on the administration of the Victim and Witness Protection and Relocation Program;

(9) develop pamphlets to notify victims and victim's representatives of the rights, services, and procedures provided under Article 47 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights or State law and how to request information regarding an unsolved case, including:

(i) one pamphlet relating to the MDEC system protocol registration process and the time before and after the filing of a charging document other than an indictment or information in circuit court; and

(ii) a second pamphlet relating to the time after the filing of an indictment or information in circuit court; [and]

(10) develop a notification request form and an MDEC system protocol in consultation with the Administrative Office of the Courts, through which a victim or victim's representative may request to be notified under § 11-104 of this title; AND

**(11) COLLECT FROM EACH COUNTY THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF CRIME VICTIMS, INCLUDING:**

**(I) RACE OR ETHNICITY;**

**(II) AGE;**

**(III) GENDER;**

- 1                   **(IV) MARITAL STATUS;**
- 2                   **(V) HOUSEHOLD INCOME;**
- 3                   **(VI) LOCATION OF THE CRIME; AND**
- 4                   **(VII) THE CRIME COMMITTED.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6   October 1, 2016.