

# SENATE BILL 835

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Law Enforcement and Governmental Trust Act**

3 FOR the purpose of expressing the intent of the General Assembly to restore community  
4 trust in Maryland law enforcement and government by clarifying the parameters of  
5 local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts; prohibiting a certain  
6 government agent from taking certain actions for certain purposes; prohibiting a law  
7 enforcement official from stopping, arresting, searching, or detaining an individual  
8 for the purpose of investigating a suspected immigration violation or inquiring about  
9 certain matters; prohibiting a government agent from using certain funds, facilities,  
10 property, equipment, or personnel for certain purposes; prohibiting a government  
11 agent from making a certain database available for a certain purpose; prohibiting a  
12 State or local law enforcement agency from placing a law enforcement officer under  
13 a certain supervision or employing a certain law enforcement officer under certain  
14 circumstances; prohibiting a certain agent from taking certain actions without a  
15 judicial warrant; requiring the Attorney General to develop certain policies in  
16 consultation with certain stakeholders; requiring all public schools, hospitals, and  
17 courthouses to establish and publish certain policies; providing that nothing in this  
18 Act shall prevent a certain State agent from responding to a certain request or  
19 sending or receiving certain information; requiring all State agencies to review  
20 certain policies, identify certain changes, and make certain changes at a certain time  
21 for certain purposes; establishing that a certain agreement that conflicts with a  
22 certain provision of this Act is null and void at a certain time; defining certain terms;  
23 making the provisions of this Act severable; and generally relating to State and local  
24 participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts.

25 BY adding to  
26 Article – Criminal Procedure  
27 Section 5–103

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

6 **5–103.**

7 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
8 INDICATED.

9 (2) (I) “CIVIL IMMIGRATION WARRANT” MEANS A WARRANT FOR A  
10 VIOLATION OF FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAW THAT WAS NOT ISSUED BY A  
11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE.

12 (II) “CIVIL IMMIGRATION WARRANT” INCLUDES A CIVIL  
13 IMMIGRATION WARRANT ENTERED IN THE NATIONAL CRIME INFORMATION  
14 CENTER DATABASE.

15 (3) “FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITY” MEANS AN OFFICER,  
16 EMPLOYEE, OR OTHER PERSON PAID BY OR ACTING AS AN AGENT OF UNITED STATES  
17 IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT OR THE UNITED STATES  
18 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WHO IS CHARGED WITH IMMIGRATION  
19 ENFORCEMENT.

20 (4) (I) “GOVERNMENT AGENT” MEANS AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF  
21 THE STATE, A COUNTY, OR A MUNICIPALITY.

22 (II) “GOVERNMENT AGENT” INCLUDES:

23 1. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A POLICE OR SECURITY  
24 DEPARTMENT OF A PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, A PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, OR A  
25 PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

26 2. A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, AS DEFINED IN §  
27 3–101 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE;

28 3. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A STATE OR LOCAL LAW  
29 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY;

30 4. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A COURT;

1                   **5. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A STATE CORRECTIONAL**  
2 **FACILITY OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 1-101 OF THE**  
3 **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ARTICLE; AND**

4                   **6. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF**  
5 **JUVENILE SERVICES.**

6                   **(5) “IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT” INCLUDES ALL EFFORTS TO**  
7 **INVESTIGATE, ENFORCE, OR ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF**  
8 **FEDERAL CIVIL IMMIGRATION LAW, INCLUDING VIOLATIONS OF TITLE 8, §§ 1253,**  
9 **1324(C), 1325, AND 1326 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.**

10                   **(6) “JUDICIAL WARRANT” MEANS A WARRANT BASED ON PROBABLE**  
11 **CAUSE AND ISSUED BY A FEDERAL JUDGE OR A FEDERAL MAGISTRATE JUDGE THAT**  
12 **AUTHORIZES FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES TO TAKE INTO CUSTODY THE**  
13 **PERSON WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE WARRANT.**

14                   **(7) “LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” INCLUDES A LOCAL**  
15 **CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.**

16                   **(B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RESTORE**  
17 **COMMUNITY TRUST IN MARYLAND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND GOVERNMENT BY**  
18 **CLARIFYING THE PARAMETERS OF STATE AND LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL**  
19 **IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS.**

20                   **(C) A GOVERNMENT AGENT MAY NOT, FOR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**  
21 **PURPOSES:**

22                   **(1) USE PUBLIC FUNDS, FACILITIES, PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT, OR**  
23 **PERSONNEL TO STOP, INVESTIGATE, DETAIN, DETECT, REPORT, OR ARREST A**  
24 **PERSON;**

25                   **(2) RESPOND TO A HOLD, NOTIFICATION, OR TRANSFER REQUEST**  
26 **FROM FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES;**

27                   **(3) RESPOND TO A REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICLY AVAILABLE**  
28 **INFORMATION ABOUT A PERSON, INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERSON’S**  
29 **DATE OF RELEASE FROM INCARCERATION, HOME ADDRESS, OR WORK ADDRESS;**

30                   **(4) MAKE AN ARREST BASED ON A CIVIL IMMIGRATION WARRANT;**

31                   **(5) GIVE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES ACCESS TO**  
32 **INTERVIEW A PERSON IN AGENCY OR DEPARTMENT CUSTODY;**

1           **(6) PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER,**  
2 **WHETHER PURSUANT TO TITLE 8, § 1357(G) OF THE UNITED STATES CODE OR ANY**  
3 **OTHER FORMAL OR INFORMAL LAW, REGULATION, OR POLICY; OR**

4           **(7) SUPPORT OR ASSIST IN CIVIL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**  
5 **OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAFFIC PERIMETERS.**

6           **(D) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL MAY NOT STOP, ARREST, SEARCH, OR**  
7 **DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL TO:**

8           **(1) INVESTIGATE A SUSPECTED IMMIGRATION VIOLATION; OR**

9           **(2) INQUIRE ABOUT IMMIGRATION OR CITIZENSHIP STATUS OR PLACE**  
10 **OF BIRTH OF AN ARRESTEE OR VICTIM OF CRIME.**

11           **(E) A GOVERNMENT AGENT MAY NOT:**

12           **(1) USE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS, FACILITIES, PROPERTY,**  
13 **EQUIPMENT, OR PERSONNEL TO INVESTIGATE, ENFORCE, OR ASSIST IN THE**  
14 **INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY FEDERAL PROGRAM REQUIRING**  
15 **REGISTRATION OF INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL**  
16 **ORIENTATION, RELIGION, OR NATIONAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN; OR**

17           **(2) MAKE A GOVERNMENTAL DATABASE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON**  
18 **OR ENTITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT OR INVESTIGATION**  
19 **OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY FEDERAL PROGRAM REQUIRING REGISTRATION OF**  
20 **INDIVIDUALS ON THE BASIS OF RACE, GENDER, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RELIGION,**  
21 **IMMIGRATION STATUS, OR NATIONAL OR ETHNIC ORIGIN.**

22           **(F) A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY NOT PLACE A LAW**  
23 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A FEDERAL AGENCY OR**  
24 **EMPLOY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DEPUTIZED AS A SPECIAL FEDERAL**  
25 **OFFICER OR SPECIAL FEDERAL DEPUTY EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT SUCH A LAW**  
26 **ENFORCEMENT OFFICER REMAINS SUBJECT TO MARYLAND LAW GOVERNING THE**  
27 **OFFICER'S CONDUCT AND THE POLICIES OF THE EMPLOYING AGENCY.**

28           **(G) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, A GOVERNMENT AGENT MAY NOT,**  
29 **AT THE REQUEST OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, WITHOUT A JUDICIAL**  
30 **WARRANT:**

31           **(1) TRANSFER AN INDIVIDUAL TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION**  
32 **AUTHORITIES FOR PURPOSES OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT;**

1           **(2) DETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL; OR**

2           **(3) NOTIFY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES OF RELEASE**  
3 **INFORMATION.**

4           **(H) (1) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE**  
5 **APPROPRIATE STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL DEVELOP AND ADOPT MODEL POLICIES TO**  
6 **ENSURE THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND COURTHOUSES REMAIN SAFE**  
7 **AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL MARYLAND RESIDENTS, REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION**  
8 **STATUS.**

9           **(2) ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND COURTHOUSES SHALL**  
10 **ESTABLISH AND PUBLISH POLICIES THAT LIMIT IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT ON**  
11 **THEIR PREMISES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL**  
12 **AND STATE LAW.**

13           **(I) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL PREVENT A GOVERNMENT AGENT**  
14 **FROM:**

15           **(1) RESPONDING TO:**

16                   **(I) A REQUEST FROM FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES**  
17 **FOR INFORMATION ABOUT A SPECIFIC PERSON'S CRIMINAL RECORD WHEN**  
18 **ALLOWED BY STATE LAW; OR**

19                   **(II) A LAWFUL SUBPOENA; OR**

20           **(2) SENDING TO, OR RECEIVING FROM, ANY LOCAL, STATE, OR**  
21 **FEDERAL AGENCY INFORMATION REGARDING THE CITIZENSHIP OR IMMIGRATION**  
22 **STATUS, LAWFUL OR UNLAWFUL, OF AN INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO §§ 1373 AND 1644**  
23 **OF TITLE 8 OF THE UNITED STATES CODE.**

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in order to ensure that  
25 eligible individuals are not deterred from seeking services or engaging with State agencies,  
26 all State agencies shall review their confidentiality policies and identify any changes  
27 necessary to ensure that information collected from individuals is limited to that which is  
28 necessary to perform agency duties, does not include inquiries into immigration status  
29 unless required by federal law or necessary to make a determination of eligibility, and is  
30 not used or disclosed for any other purpose. Any necessary changes to those policies shall  
31 be made as expeditiously as possible, consistent with agency or department procedures.

32           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any agreement in existence  
33 on the effective date of this Act that makes any governmental database available in conflict

1 with § 5–103 of the Criminal Procedure Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall be  
2 null and void as of the effective date of this Act.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, if any provision of this Act or  
4 the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a  
5 court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other  
6 application of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application,  
7 and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

8 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2017.