

SENATE BILL 625

E3

9lr1878

By: **Senator Carter**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2019

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Law – Court Records – Sealing**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a provision of law requiring the juvenile court to order certain
4 court records sealed after a child has reached 21 years of age; requiring the juvenile
5 court to order the court records of a child sealed when the court's jurisdiction is
6 terminated under a certain provision of law; making a stylistic change; and generally
7 relating to the sealing of juvenile court records.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 3–8A–27(c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2013 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 3–8A–27.

17 (c) (1) (I) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS**
18 **PARAGRAPH, THE** court, on its own motion or on petition, and for good cause shown, may
19 order the court records of a child sealed[, and, upon petition or on its own motion, shall
20 order them sealed after the child has reached 21 years of age].

21 (II) **UNLESS THE COURT RECORDS OF A CHILD HAVE BEEN**
22 **SEALED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE COURT SHALL ORDER**
23 **THE COURT RECORDS OF A CHILD SEALED WHEN THE COURT'S JURISDICTION IS**
24 **TERMINATED UNDER § 3–8A–07 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2)** If sealed, the court records of a child may not be opened, for any
2 purpose, except by order of the court upon good cause shown.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 October 1, 2019.