

Chapter 539

(Senate Bill 213)

AN ACT concerning

**Criminal Procedure – Victims and Witnesses – Restrictions on Release of Personal Information**

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a certain person may withhold the address or telephone number of a certain victim, victim’s representative, or witness before a certain trial or adjudicatory hearing; and generally relating to protection of victims and witnesses.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 6–233(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Procedure  
Section 11–205  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

**Article – Criminal Procedure**

6–233.

(a) In this section, “domestically related crime” means a crime committed by a defendant against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in § 4–501 of the Family Law Article, or who had a sexual relationship with the defendant within 12 months before the commission of the crime.

11–205.

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–233 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

**(B) On request of the State, a victim of or witness to a ~~felony~~ OR DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME or delinquent act ~~that would be a felony~~ OR DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME if committed by an adult~~,~~ or a victim’s representative,**

a judge, State's Attorney, District Court commissioner, intake officer, or law enforcement officer may withhold the address or telephone number of the victim, victim's representative, or witness before the trial or adjudicatory hearing in a juvenile delinquency proceeding, unless a judge determines that good cause has been shown for the release of the information.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2020.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 8, 2020.**