

SENATE BILL 12

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By: **Senator Green**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure - Service of Process**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain persons in charge of local detention centers to  
4 designate certain employees to serve a criminal summons, warrant, or charging  
5 document within any police facility and central or regional booking site; and  
6 generally relating to the service of process by employees of local detention  
7 centers.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 6-310  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1998 Replacement Volume)

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

15 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

16 6-310.

17 (a) In this section, "administrator" includes the sheriff, director,  
18 superintendent, warden, or other officer in charge of a local detention center.

19 (b) The administrator may designate employees of the local detention center  
20 to serve a criminal summons, warrant, or charging document.

21 (c) The authority of an individual designated to serve criminal process under  
22 this section shall be limited to the service of process within [the] ANY local detention  
23 center, POLICE FACILITY, CENTRAL OR REGIONAL BOOKING SITE, AND ANY OTHER  
24 AREA THAT IS STAFFED AND CONTROLLED BY EMPLOYEES OF THE LOCAL  
25 DETENTION CENTER.

26 (d) The administrator shall ensure that an employee designated to serve  
27 criminal process has received adequate training.

1 (e) This section may not be construed to limit the authority of any employee of  
2 the local detention center to serve civil process as provided in the Maryland Rules.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
4 effect June 1, 1999.