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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 227

(Delegate King, *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Education - Arrest for Reportable Offenses - Notification**

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This bill clarifies that local superintendents of schools must be notified of arrests for reportable offenses involving public school students ages 5 to 21.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any additional notifications required of State law enforcement agencies could be performed with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Any additional notifications required of local law enforcement agencies could be performed with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** If a child enrolled in a public school system is arrested for a reportable offense, the law enforcement agency making the arrest must notify the local superintendent of schools within 24 hours of the arrest or as soon as practicable. A definition of "child" is not provided in the statute.

Reportable offenses include crimes of violence, firearms violations, drug offenses, possession of explosives, and bomb threat violations.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland State Department of Education; Montgomery, Prince George's, Washington, and Worcester counties; Department of Legislative Services

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