

SENATE BILL 636

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law - Definition of "Criminal Gang"**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "criminal gang" to include any
4 association of a certain number of persons meeting certain criteria; and
5 generally relating to criminal gangs.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Criminal Law
8 Section 9-801(c)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Criminal Law**

14 9-801.

15 (c) "Criminal gang" means a group or [ongoing] AN association of three or
16 more persons whose members:

17 (1) individually or collectively engage in a pattern of criminal gang
18 activity;

19 (2) have as one of their primary objectives or activities the commission
20 of one or more underlying crimes, including acts by juveniles that would be
21 underlying crimes if committed by adults; and

22 (3) have in common an identifying sign, symbol, name, leader, or
23 purpose.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2008.