

# HOUSE BILL 779

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By: **Delegates Lee, Boteler, Cane, Glenn, Heller, Howard, Kach, Kaiser, Kipke, Montgomery, Pendergrass, and Shewell**  
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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Police Training Commission – Additional Minimum Training Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Police Training Commission to expand a certain  
4 curriculum and the minimum courses of study of certain police training  
5 conducted by certain police training schools to include special training on,  
6 attention to, and the study of the exploitation of children, the contact with and  
7 treatment of victims of crimes and delinquent acts, the notices, services,  
8 support, and rights under State law available to certain victims and victims'  
9 representatives, and notification of the rights of victims of identity fraud under  
10 federal law; and generally relating to minimum requirements for police  
11 training.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 3–207  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2003 Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 3–207.

21 Subject to the authority of the Secretary, the Commission has the following  
22 powers and duties:

23 (1) to establish standards for the approval and continuation of  
24 approval of schools that conduct police entrance–level and in–service training courses

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 required by the Commission, including State, regional, county, and municipal training  
2 schools;

3 (2) to approve and issue certificates of approval to police training  
4 schools;

5 (3) to inspect police training schools;

6 (4) to revoke, for cause, the approval or certificate of approval issued  
7 to a police training school;

8 (5) to establish the following for police training schools:

9 (i) curriculum;

10 (ii) minimum courses of study;

11 (iii) attendance requirements;

12 (iv) eligibility requirements;

13 (v) equipment and facilities;

14 (vi) standards of operation; and

15 (vii) minimum qualifications for instructors;

16 (6) to require, for entrance-level police training and at least every 3  
17 years for in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and  
18 municipal police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study  
19 include special training, attention to, and study of the application and enforcement of:

20 (I) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses,  
21 including[:

22 (i)] the sexual abuse AND EXPLOITATION of children[;] AND

23 [(ii)] related evidentiary procedures; [and

24 (iii)] (II) the contact with and treatment of victims of [these]  
25 crimes AND DELINQUENT ACTS;

26 (III) THE NOTICES, SERVICES, SUPPORT, AND RIGHTS  
27 AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS AND VICTIMS' REPRESENTATIVES UNDER STATE LAW;  
28 AND

1                   **(IV) THE NOTIFICATION OF VICTIMS OF IDENTITY FRAUD**  
2 **AND RELATED CRIMES OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER FEDERAL LAW;**

3                   (7) to certify and issue appropriate certificates to qualified instructors  
4 for police training schools authorized by the Commission to offer police training  
5 programs;

6                   (8) to verify that police officers have satisfactorily completed training  
7 programs and issue diplomas to those police officers;

8                   (9) to conduct and operate police training schools authorized by the  
9 Commission to offer police training programs;

10                  (10) to make a continuous study of entrance-level and in-service  
11 training methods and procedures;

12                  (11) to consult with and accept the cooperation of any recognized  
13 federal, State, or municipal law enforcement agency or educational institution;

14                  (12) to consult and cooperate with universities, colleges, and  
15 institutions in the State to develop specialized courses of study for police officers in  
16 police science and police administration;

17                  (13) to consult and cooperate with other agencies and units of the State  
18 concerned with police training;

19                  (14) to develop, with the cooperation of the Office of the Chief Medical  
20 Examiner and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a uniform missing person report  
21 form to be available for use by each law enforcement agency of the State on or before  
22 October 1, 2008;

23                  (15) to require, for entrance-level police training and annually for  
24 in-service level police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal  
25 police training school, that the curriculum and minimum courses of study include, for  
26 police officers who are issued an electronic control device by a law enforcement agency,  
27 special training in the proper use of electronic control devices, as defined in § 4-109 of  
28 the Criminal Law Article, consistent with established law enforcement standards and  
29 federal and State constitutional provisions; and

30                  (16) to perform any other act that is necessary or appropriate to carry  
31 out the powers and duties of the Commission under this subtitle.

32                  SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2010.