

Chapter 237

**(House Bill 541)**

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission – Training Requirements  
– Hate Crimes**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require certain entrance–level and in–service police training conducted by the State and each county and municipal police training school to include certain training relating to the criminal laws concerning hate crimes; and generally relating to police training requirements.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Public Safety  
Section 3–207(a)(6)  
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 – Public Safety**

3–207.

(a) The Commission has the following powers and duties:

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

(i) the criminal laws concerning rape and sexual offenses, including the sexual abuse and exploitation of children and related evidentiary procedures;

(ii) the criminal laws concerning human trafficking, including services and support available to victims and the rights and appropriate treatment of victims;

**(III) THE CRIMINAL LAWS CONCERNING HATE CRIMES,  
INCLUDING THE RECOGNITION OF, RESPONSE TO, AND REPORTING OF INCIDENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED UNDER § 2–307 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

~~[(iii)] (IV)~~ the contact with and treatment of victims of crimes and delinquent acts;

~~[(iv)] (V)~~ the notices, services, support, and rights available to victims and victims' representatives under State law; and

~~[(v)] (VI)~~ the notification of victims of identity fraud and related crimes of their rights under federal law;

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.**