

HOUSE BILL 686

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By: **Delegate McComas**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Court Officials – Public Disclosure of Personal Information**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain court official or an immediate family member of
4 the court official to make a written request to a person who discloses on the Internet
5 or through certain other means of publication certain personal information about the
6 court official or the immediate family member to remove the information; providing
7 for a request under this Act to be made on behalf of a minor; requiring a person who
8 receives a request under this Act to remove the information within a certain period
9 of time and prohibiting the person from subsequently disclosing certain personal
10 information; authorizing actions for an injunction and for damages for a violation of
11 this Act; requiring that a custodian of records deny the inspection of a part of a public
12 record that contains the home address or telephone number of certain current and
13 former judges and prosecutors unless certain permission has been given; defining
14 certain terms; and generally relating to the public disclosure of personal information
15 about judges and prosecutors and their immediate family members.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

18 Section 3–2201 and 3–2202 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 22. Court Officials
19 – Protected Information”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2020 Replacement Volume)

22 BY adding to

23 Article – General Provisions

24 Section 4–357

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



