

Chapter 391

(House Bill 1248)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – ~~Law Enforcement~~ Police Officer – Data Collection and Reporting

FOR the purpose of requiring certain law enforcement agencies to report by certain dates certain information to the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services regarding certain ~~law enforcement~~ police officer-involved incidents; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to adopt certain procedures and compile and report certain information to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to post a certain report on its public website; defining certain terms; and generally relating to police-involved incidents.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety
Section 3-523
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

3-523.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § ~~2-101~~ 3-201 OF THIS ~~ARTICLE~~ TITLE.

(3) “~~LAW ENFORCEMENT~~ POLICE OFFICER” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § ~~3-101~~ 3-201 OF THIS TITLE.

(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2022, AND EACH MARCH 1 THEREAFTER, EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES INFORMATION, FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR, ON EACH USE OF FORCE INCIDENT INVOLVING A ~~LAW ENFORCEMENT~~ POLICE OFFICER EMPLOYED BY THE

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY THAT RESULTED IN A MONETARY SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT AGAINST THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

(2) THE INFORMATION REPORTED SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, AND RACE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT;

(II) THE AGE, GENDER, ETHNICITY, AND RACE OF THE ~~LAW ENFORCEMENT~~ POLICE OFFICER INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT;

(III) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE INCIDENT;

(IV) THE DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION OF THE INCIDENT;

(V) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CIVIL ACTION WAS FILED;

(VI) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CIVIL ACTION WAS RESOLVED;

AND

(VII) THE AMOUNT OF THE SETTLEMENT OR JUDGMENT AWARDED TO THE PLAINTIFF.

(C) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES SHALL COMPILE AND SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(E) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES SHALL POST ANNUALLY THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ON ITS WEBSITE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.