

# HOUSE BILL 764

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Human Services – Missing Individuals – Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Services and local departments of  
4 social services to report to local law enforcement agencies certain information about  
5 missing individuals who are under a guardianship administered by the Department;  
6 and generally relating to missing individuals under a guardianship administered by  
7 the Department of Human Services.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Human Services

10 Section 3–603

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Human Services**

16 **3–603.**

17 **(A) WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER A DISCOVERY THAT AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER A**  
18 **GUARDIANSHIP ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS MISSING, THE**  
19 **DEPARTMENT AND THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
20 **SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CONTAINING**  
21 **ANY INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT HAS OR REASONABLY COULD OBTAIN THAT**  
22 **WOULD ASSIST IN LOCATING THE INDIVIDUAL, INCLUDING:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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- 1           **(1) THE INDIVIDUAL’S NAME AND BIRTHDATE;**
- 2           **(2) A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL;**
- 3           **(3) IDENTIFYING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INDIVIDUAL;**
- 4           **(4) THE LAST KNOWN LOCATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL;**
- 5           **(5) THE AMOUNT OF TIME THE INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN MISSING;**
- 6           **(6) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL**  
7 **MAKING THE REPORT AND THAT INDIVIDUAL’S RELATIONSHIP TO THE MISSING**  
8 **INDIVIDUAL;**
- 9           **(7) THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE OF**  
10 **THE DEPARTMENT OR THE EMPLOYEE’S DESIGNEE WHO SHOULD BE CONTACTED**  
11 **WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL IS LOCATED; AND**
- 12           **(8) THE ADDRESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL.**

13           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT IT KEEPS A RECORD OF THE**  
14 **REPORT NUMBER PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR EACH**  
15 **REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2022.