

# HOUSE BILL 898

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Emergency Management – Office of Domestic**  
3 **Terrorism Response**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Office of Domestic Terrorism Response within the  
5 Maryland Department of Emergency Management for the purpose of developing  
6 strategies and resources to prepare for, prevent, and recover from domestic terrorism  
7 activities; setting forth the duties of the Office; and generally relating to emergency  
8 management and the Office of Domestic Terrorism Response.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Public Safety  
11 Section 14–101(a) and (b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article – Public Safety  
16 Section 14–104.1  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

### Article – Public Safety

21 14–101.

22 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Department” means the Maryland Department of Emergency Management.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 14-104.1.

2 (A) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM RESPONSE IN THE  
3 DEPARTMENT.

4 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND  
5 RESOURCES TO PREPARE FOR, PREVENT, AND RECOVER FROM DOMESTIC  
6 TERRORISM ACTIVITIES.

7 (C) THE OFFICE SHALL:

8 (1) COORDINATE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES IN  
9 DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PLANS RELATED TO DOMESTIC TERRORISM  
10 PREVENTION AND RESPONSE, INCLUDING CYBERSECURITY ATTACKS;

11 (2) CONSULT WITH THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY TRENDS  
12 AND DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM;

13 (3) EXPLORE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES;

14 (4) ENGAGE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO DISCOVER  
15 AND IMPLEMENT EARLY INTERVENTION STRATEGIES IN PERSONS BECOMING  
16 RADICALIZED OR AT RISK OF COMMITTING AN ACT OF TERRORISM;

17 (5) COORDINATE WITH FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TO EXPLORE  
18 METHODS TO ENCOURAGE AND FACILITATE EARLY REPORTING OF EMERGING  
19 TERRORISM THREATS; AND

20 (6) RESEARCH STRATEGIES EMPLOYED BY OTHER STATES TO  
21 PREVENT AND RESPOND TO DOMESTIC TERRORISM THREATS.

22 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
23 REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE  
24 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE  
25 OFFICE.

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