

# HOUSE BILL 1109

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **First Responders and Emergency Responders – Definition – 9-1-1 Dispatchers**  
3 **Included**

4 FOR the purpose of including employees who receive and process requests for emergency  
5 services, and dispatch certain services to the scene of an emergency within the  
6 definitions of “first responder” and “emergency responder” in certain provisions of  
7 law; and generally relating to 9-1-1 dispatchers, first responders, and emergency  
8 responders.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 22-909(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 22-909(b)(2)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
20 Article – Criminal Law  
21 Section 3-203(c)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
25 Article – Education  
26 Section 7-1501(a)  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

2 BY adding to

3 Article – Education

4 Section 7–1501(f)

5 Annotated Code of Maryland

6 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 7–1501(f) through (m)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 18–213.2(a)(7)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – Human Services

19 Section 7–708

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

23 Article – Public Safety

24 Section 14–801(d)

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

27 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

28 Article – Transportation

29 Section 8–656

30 Annotated Code of Maryland

31 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

32 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

33 Article – Transportation

34 Section 21–104.5(a)

35 Annotated Code of Maryland

36 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

37 (As enacted by Chapter 351 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

38 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

39 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:



1 Board of License Commissioners;

2 **Article – Criminal Law**

3 3–203.

4 (c) (1) (I) In this subsection[, “physical”] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE**  
5 **THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

6 (II) **“FIRST RESPONDER” INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE OF A**  
7 **COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, OR AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A**  
8 **COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
9 **INCLUDE:**

10 1. **RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9–1–1 REQUESTS FOR**  
11 **EMERGENCY SERVICES;**

12 2. **PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY**  
13 **RELATED TO 9–1–1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND**

14 3. **DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE**  
15 **RESCUE SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY**  
16 **SERVICES TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

17 (III) **“PHYSICAL injury”** means any impairment of physical condition,  
18 excluding minor injuries.

19 (2) A person may not intentionally cause physical injury to another if the  
20 person knows or has reason to know that the other is:

21 (i) a law enforcement officer engaged in the performance of the  
22 officer’s official duties;

23 (ii) a parole or probation agent engaged in the performance of the  
24 agent’s official duties; or

25 (iii) a firefighter, an emergency medical technician, a rescue squad  
26 member, or any other first responder engaged in providing emergency medical care or  
27 rescue services.

28 (3) A person who violates paragraph (2) of this subsection is guilty of the  
29 felony of assault in the second degree and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not  
30 exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

31 **Article – Education**

1 7-1501.

2 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

3 (F) **“EMERGENCY RESPONDER” INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY**  
4 **PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, OR AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A COUNTY**  
5 **PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**  
6 **INCLUDE:**

7 (1) **RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY**  
8 **SERVICES;**

9 (2) **PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY RELATED**  
10 **TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND**

11 (3) **DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE RESCUE**  
12 **SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**  
13 **TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

14 [(f)] (G) “Fund” means the Safe Schools Fund.

15 [(g)] (H) “Local law enforcement agency” means:

16 (1) A police department of a county or municipal corporation in the State;  
17 or

18 (2) A sheriff’s office that provides a law enforcement function in a county  
19 or municipal corporation in the State.

20 [(h)] (I) “Safety evaluation” means a written assessment of the safety conditions  
21 in each public school, including ingress, egress, and access to areas of refuge for all  
22 students.

23 [(i)] (J) “School emergency plan” means a plan for each local school system and  
24 each public school within the school system that addresses mitigation of, preparedness for,  
25 response to, and recovery from emergencies, including:

26 (1) Violent or traumatic events on school grounds during regular school  
27 hours or during school-sponsored activities; and

28 (2) Events in the community that affect school operations.

29 [(j)] (K) “School resource officer” means:

30 (1) A law enforcement officer as defined under § 3-101(e) of the Public

1 Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of  
 2 understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency as defined under § 3–101(b)  
 3 of the Public Safety Article and the local education agency; or

4 (2) A Baltimore City school police officer, as defined in § 4–318 of this  
 5 article.

6 **[(k)] (L)** “School security employee” means an individual, as defined in  
 7 regulations adopted by the Subcabinet, who:

8 (1) Is not a school resource officer; and

9 (2) Is employed by a local school system to provide safety and  
 10 security–related services at a public school.

11 **[(l)] (M)** “Subcabinet” means the School Safety Subcabinet.

12 **[(m)] (N)** “Wraparound services” means services provided to students, and their  
 13 families as appropriate, including:

14 (1) Mentoring;

15 (2) Tutoring;

16 (3) Child care services;

17 (4) Housing referrals;

18 (5) Transportation;

19 (6) Crisis intervention;

20 (7) Substance abuse prevention and treatment;

21 (8) Legal aid;

22 (9) Academic counseling; and

23 (10) Career counseling.

24 **Article – Health – General**

25 18–213.2.

26 (a) (7) “First responder” means a:

27 (i) Firefighter;

- 1 (ii) Emergency medical technician;
- 2 (iii) Rescue squad member;
- 3 (iv) Law enforcement officer;
- 4 (v) Correctional officer; [or]
- 5 (vi) Sworn member of the State Fire Marshal's office; OR

6 (VII) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING  
7 POINT, OR AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING  
8 POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

9 1. RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR  
10 EMERGENCY SERVICES;

11 2. PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS  
12 DIRECTLY RELATED TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND

13 3. DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE  
14 RESCUE SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY  
15 SERVICES TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 7-708.

18 Any organization or agency that requires a professional training program for the  
19 following individuals shall include a segment concerning the rights of individuals with  
20 disabilities who are accompanied by service animals:

21 (1) first responders[;], INCLUDING EMPLOYEES OF A COUNTY PUBLIC  
22 SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, OR EMPLOYEES WORKING AT A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY  
23 ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:

24 (I) RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR  
25 EMERGENCY SERVICES;

26 (II) PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY  
27 RELATED TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND

28 (III) DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE RESCUE  
29 SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES

1 **TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY; AND**

2 (2) emergency shelter operators[; and

3 (3) 9–1–1 operators].

4 **Article – Public Safety**

5 14–801.

6 (d) (1) “Emergency responder” means an individual who is sent or directed by  
7 a party jurisdiction in response to a request for assistance by another party jurisdiction.

8 (2) “Emergency responder” includes a:

9 (i) career or volunteer firefighter of a fire, rescue, or emergency  
10 medical services entity;

11 (ii) career or volunteer emergency medical services provider, as  
12 defined in § 13–516 of the Education Article, within this State;

13 (iii) career or volunteer rescue squad member of a fire, rescue, or  
14 emergency medical services entity;

15 (iv) county or municipal employee who is performing an emergency  
16 support function described in § 14–803(2)(b)(5)(i) of this subtitle; [and]

17 (v) law enforcement officer as defined in § 3–101 of this article; **AND**

18 **(VI) COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT EMPLOYEE, OR**  
19 **AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE**  
20 **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDE:**

21 **1. RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9–1–1 REQUESTS FOR**  
22 **EMERGENCY SERVICES;**

23 **2. PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY**  
24 **RELATED TO 9–1–1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND**

25 **3. DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE**  
26 **RESCUE SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY**  
27 **SERVICES TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

28 **Article – Transportation**



1 8-656.

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "EMERGENCY RESPONDER" INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE  
3 OF A COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, OR AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A  
4 COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
5 INCLUDE:

6 (1) RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY  
7 SERVICES;

8 (2) PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY RELATED  
9 TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND

10 (3) DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE RESCUE  
11 SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES  
12 TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.

13 (B) The Department shall establish a process by which a member of the General  
14 Assembly, another elected official, or any member of the general public may request that  
15 the Department dedicate a bridge or another appropriate transportation structure under  
16 the jurisdiction of the Department to:

17 (1) A deceased member of the armed forces:

18 (i) Whose home of record was in the State; and

19 (ii) Whose surviving spouse, parent, or next of kin is a recipient of  
20 the U.S. Department of Defense Gold Star memorializing that the member was killed in  
21 action; or

22 (2) A firefighter, law enforcement officer, or another emergency responder  
23 who died in the line of duty.

24 21-104.5.

25 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (2) "FIRST RESPONDER" INCLUDES AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY  
27 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, OR AN EMPLOYEE WORKING AT A COUNTY  
28 PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT, WHOSE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
29 INCLUDE:

30 (I) RECEIVING AND PROCESSING 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR  
31 EMERGENCY SERVICES;

1                   **(II) PERFORMING OTHER SUPPORT FUNCTIONS DIRECTLY**  
2 **RELATED TO 9-1-1 REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; AND**

3                   **(III) DISPATCHING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, FIRE RESCUE**  
4 **SERVICES, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES**  
5 **TO THE SCENE OF AN EMERGENCY.**

6           **[(2)] (3)**       “Personal delivery device” means a powered device that:

- 7                   (i)     Is operated primarily on shoulders, sidewalks, and crosswalks;  
8                   (ii)    Is intended for the transport of property on public rights-of-way;  
9                   (iii)   Weighs not more than 550 pounds, excluding cargo; and

10                  (iv)   Is capable of navigating with or without the active control or  
11 monitoring of an individual.

12           **[(3)] (4)**     (i)     “Personal delivery device operator” means an entity or its  
13 agent that exercises active or passive physical control or monitoring over the navigation  
14 system and operation of a personal delivery device.

15                  (ii)    “Personal delivery device operator” does not include a person  
16 that:

17                           1.     Requests or receives the services of a personal delivery  
18 device to transport property; or

19                           2.     Arranges for and dispatches a personal delivery device to  
20 provide service to another person.

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