

SENATE BILL 629

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CF HB 824

By: **Senator Edwards**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Data – Collection and Distribution**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant
4 of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment
5 for possession of residential property; requiring the Judiciary to periodically share
6 eviction data with the Department of Housing and Community Development;
7 requiring the Department to publish eviction data in a dashboard on the
8 Department’s website; requiring the Department to make eviction data available in
9 a certain format to a State agency or an academic institution located in the State;
10 and generally relating to the collection and distribution of eviction data.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Real Property
13 Section 14–133
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Real Property**

19 **14–133.**

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

22 (2) “DEPARTMENT” MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND
23 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “EVICTION DATA” MEANS, FOR EACH WARRANT OF RESTITUTION**
2 **OR WRIT OF POSSESSION ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A JUDGMENT FOR**
3 **POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ENTERED UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 1 OF**
4 **THIS ARTICLE, §§ 8–401 THROUGH 8–402.2 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR § 14–132 OF THIS**
5 **SUBTITLE:**

6 **(I) THE COUNTY, ZIP CODE, AND CENSUS TRACT OF THE**
7 **SUBJECT PREMISES;**

8 **(II) THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THE WARRANT OR WRIT; AND**

9 **(III) THE TYPE OF ACTION FROM WHICH THE WARRANT OR WRIT**
10 **WAS ISSUED.**

11 **(B) EVERY 2 WEEKS, THE JUDICIARY SHALL COLLECT, COMPILE, AND**
12 **SHARE COMPLETE EVICTION DATA FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 2–WEEK**
13 **PERIOD WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

14 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

15 **(1) ORGANIZE AND FORMAT THE DATA RECEIVED UNDER**
16 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;**

17 **(2) PUBLISH THE DATA IN A DATA DASHBOARD ON THE**
18 **DEPARTMENT’S WEBSITE AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARD MONTHLY;**

19 **(3) MAKE THE DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST BY A STATE AGENCY OR**
20 **AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE FOR DOWNLOAD IN OPEN DATA**
21 **SETS THAT ALLOW AUTOMATED SEARCHING, SPATIAL ANALYSIS, VISUALIZATION,**
22 **AND PROCESSING; AND**

23 **(4) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2023, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,**
24 **SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE EVICTION DATA TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**
25 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**
26 **ASSEMBLY.**

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