

# HOUSE BILL 1075

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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 implementing  
6 measures to prepare for, prevent, and recover from domestic terrorism and hate  
7 crimes; requiring the Maryland Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic  
8 Terrorism to serve in an advisory role for the Office; and generally relating to  
9 emergency management and the Office of Domestic Terrorism Response.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Public Safety  
12 Section 14–101(a) and (b)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Public Safety  
17 Section 14–104.3  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2022 Replacement Volume)

20 Preamble

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 WHEREAS, In accordance with the Joint Chairmen’s Report on the Operating  
2 Budget for fiscal 2023, the Maryland Department of Emergency Management submitted  
3 the Summary Report and Recommendations of the Task Force on Preventing and  
4 Countering Domestic Terrorism in December 2022; and

5 WHEREAS, The report of the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic  
6 Terrorism made several recommendations following a series of meetings focused on how to  
7 deter domestic terrorism in Maryland; and

8 WHEREAS, One of the recommendations from the report was to invest in a  
9 permanent State of Maryland capability focused on the prevention of violent extremist acts;  
10 and

11 WHEREAS, In the United States, since the early 1980s, domestic terrorist attacks  
12 are occurring more frequently, and hate crimes, as reported to the Federal Bureau of  
13 Investigation, are the highest they have been in over a decade; now, therefore,

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 14–101.

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

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

20 **14–104.3.**

21 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “OFFICE” MEANS THE OFFICE OF DOMESTIC**  
22 **TERRORISM RESPONSE.**

23 **(B) (1) THERE IS AN OFFICE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM RESPONSE IN**  
24 **THE DEPARTMENT.**

25 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE OFFICE IS TO PREPARE FOR, PREVENT,**  
26 **AND RECOVER FROM DOMESTIC TERRORISM AND HATE CRIMES.**

27 **(C) THE OFFICE SHALL COORDINATE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL**  
28 **AGENCIES IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PLANS TO:**

29 **(1) MAXIMIZE THE ROLE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION PLAY**  
30 **IN RESEARCHING AND DEVELOPING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION**  
31 **OF VIOLENT EXTREMIST ACTS; AND**

1           **(2) RAISE AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC ABOUT VIOLENT**  
2 **EXTREMISM, INCLUDING VIOLENT EXTREMISM ASSOCIATED WITH HATE CRIMES,**  
3 **DOMESTIC TERRORISM, AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM;**

4           ~~**(3) DEVELOP MULTIDISCIPLINARY INTERVENTIONS FOR AT-RISK**~~  
5 ~~**INDIVIDUALS; AND**~~

6           ~~**(4) FACILITATE THE REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF**~~  
7 ~~**INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATE IN VIOLENT EXTREMISM.**~~

8           **(D) THE MARYLAND TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING**  
9 **DOMESTIC TERRORISM SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY ROLE FOR THE OFFICE.**

10           **(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL**  
11 **REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE**  
12 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:**

13                   **(1) THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE;**

14                   **(2) ANY RECOMMENDED LEGISLATION; AND**

15                   **(3) ANY RESOURCES THAT THE OFFICE REQUIRES TO CARRY OUT ITS**  
16 **PURPOSE AND DUTIES.**

17           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.