

Chapter 736

(Senate Bill 652)

AN ACT concerning

**Department of Juvenile Services – Report on Shootings
(Department of Juvenile Services Transparency Act of 2024)**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to report certain information regarding shootings of and by juveniles under the supervision of the Department to the Commission on Juvenile Justice Reform and Emerging and Best Practices and the Maryland General Assembly; and generally relating to the Department of Juvenile Services.

BY adding to

Article – Human Services

Section 9–247

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

9–247.

(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION ON JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM AND EMERGING AND BEST PRACTICES AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ~~TO~~ THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(1) THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT’S SUPERVISION IN THE PRECEDING YEAR WHO:

- (I) WERE NONFATALLY SHOT;**
- (II) SHOT ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL; OR**
- (III) WERE VICTIMS OF A HOMICIDE;**

(2) THE ACTIONS THAT THE DEPARTMENT TOOK AFTER THE INCIDENTS DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING THE TIMELINE OF THE ACTIONS;

(3) THE AGE OF EACH JUVENILE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(4) THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE OF EACH JUVENILE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(B) THE INITIAL REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF ANY ESTABLISHED PROCESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT USES AFTER AN INCIDENT DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A)(1) OF THIS SECTION OCCURS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor, May 16, 2024.