## **HOUSE BILL 115**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Notification of Release From 3 Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act) 4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given 5 6 to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from 7 confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone 8 number of a certain victim services employee; and generally relating to victims' 9 rights. 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Criminal Procedure 11 Section 11–508 12 13 Annotated Code of Maryland (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement) 14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 15 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: Article - Criminal Procedure 17 18 11-508.19 In this section the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) (1) 20 "Commitment unit" means a unit that a court orders to retain custody 21 of a defendant or a child respondent and that receives a notification request form under §

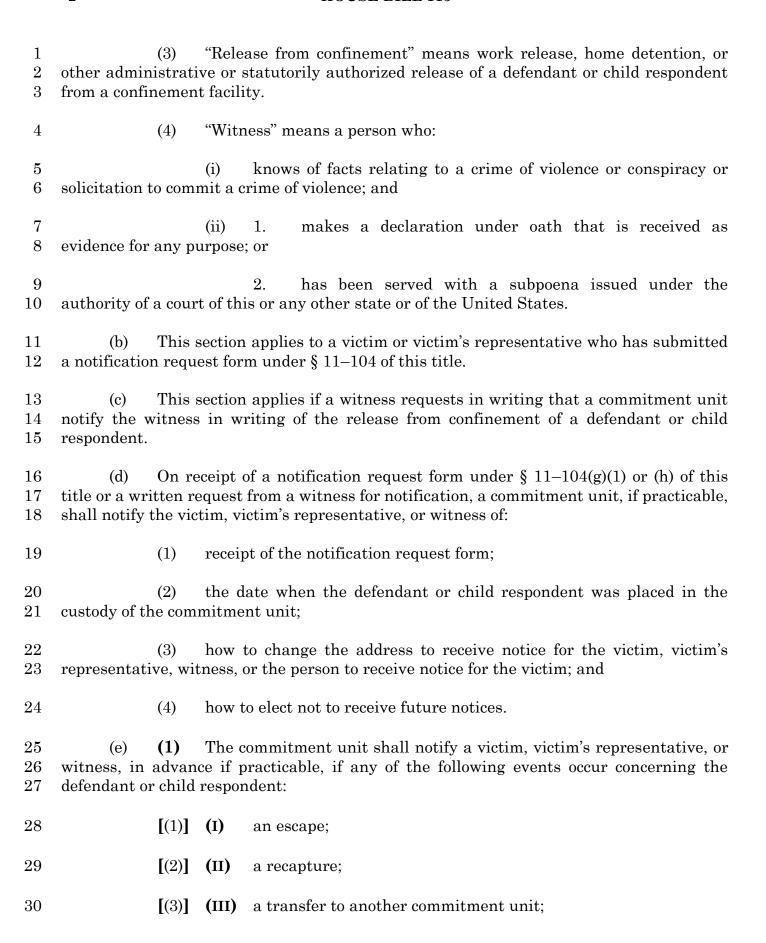
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

11-104(g)(1) or (h) of this title.

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1	[(4)]	(IV)	a release	from	confinement	and	any	conditions	attached	to	the
2	release; and										

- 3 [(5)] **(V)** the death of the defendant or child respondent.
- 4 (2) WHEN A SENTENCED DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT IS
  5 BEING RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT, THE COMMITMENT UNIT SHALL INCLUDE IN
  6 THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THE
  7 NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LEAD VICTIM SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE
  8 STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SENTENCED
  9 DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT WAS PROSECUTED.
- 10 (f) A commitment unit may not disclose to a defendant or child respondent the address or telephone number of a witness, victim, victim's representative, or person who receives notice for the victim.
- 13 (g) An elected public official, public employee, or public unit has the immunity described in §§ 5–302 and 5–522 of the Courts Article regarding civil liability for damages arising out of an action relating to this section, unless the official, employee, or unit acts with gross negligence or in bad faith.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 18 October 1, 2024.