SENATE BILL 4

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher** Requested: September 11, 2023

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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning					
2 3 4	Criminal Procedure – Victims' Rights – Notification of Release From Confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act)					
5 6 7 8 9	FOR the purpose of requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of a certain victim services employee; and generally relating to victims rights.					
10 11 12 13 14	Article – Criminal Procedure Section 11–508 Annotated Code of Maryland					
15 16	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
17	Article - Criminal Procedure					
18	11–508.					
19	(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.					
20 21 22	(2) "Commitment unit" means a unit that a court orders to retain custody of a defendant or a child respondent and that receives a notification request form under § 11–104(g)(1) or (h) of this title.					
23	(3) "Release from confinement" means work release, home detention, or					

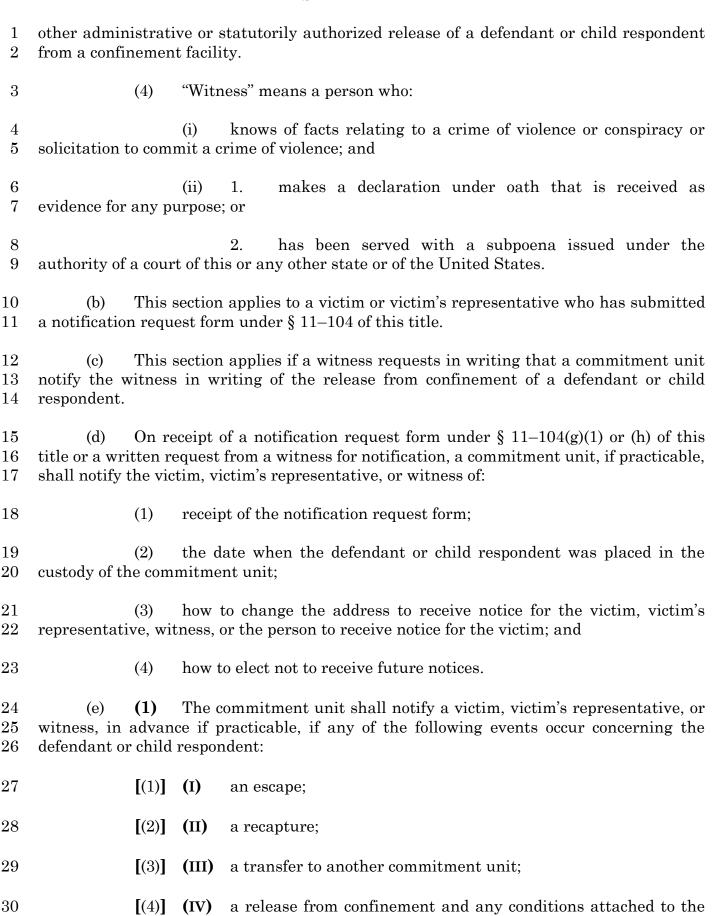
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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release; and



1	[(5)]	(V)	the death of the defendant or	child respondent.
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- 2 (2) WHEN A SENTENCED DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT IS
 3 BEING RELEASED FROM CONFINEMENT, THE COMMITMENT UNIT SHALL INCLUDE IN
 4 THE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION THE
 5 NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE LEAD VICTIM SERVICES EMPLOYEE OF THE
 6 STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE SENTENCED
 7 DEFENDANT OR CHILD RESPONDENT WAS PROSECUTED.
- 8 (f) A commitment unit may not disclose to a defendant or child respondent the 9 address or telephone number of a witness, victim, victim's representative, or person who 10 receives notice for the victim.
- 11 (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 16 October 1, 2024.