

# SENATE BILL 111

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(4lr1345)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary —

Introduced by **Senator Sydnor**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Criminal Procedure – Protection of Identity of Minor Victim**

3 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring, with a certain exception, a party or nonparty making a~~  
4 ~~certain filing in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case to redact certain identifying~~  
5 ~~information relating to a minor victim that appears in the filing; authorizing the~~  
6 ~~Supreme Court of Maryland to adopt rules requiring or authorizing a person making~~  
7 ~~a redacted filing under this Act to also file an unredacted copy under seal~~ providing  
8 that a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case may not disclose or  
9 allow inspection of a certain court filing to a nonparty unless the court or the party  
10 redacts certain identifying information relating to a minor victim that appears in the  
11 filing, subject to a certain exception; and generally relating to protection of victims.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Criminal Procedure

14 Section 11–301

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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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

6 11–301.

7 (A) On motion of the State or on request of a victim or witness, during a criminal  
8 trial or a juvenile delinquency adjudicatory hearing, a court may prohibit the release of the  
9 address or telephone number of the victim or witness unless the court determines that good  
10 cause is shown for the release of the information.

11 (B) (1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
12 MEANINGS INDICATED.

13 (II) “IDENTIFYING INFORMATION” MEANS THE NAME OF, AND  
14 ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO IDENTIFY, A  
15 MINOR VICTIM.

16 (III) “MINOR VICTIM” MEANS A VICTIM OF A CRIME OR  
17 DELINQUENT ACT WHO WAS A MINOR AT THE TIME THAT THE CRIME OR DELINQUENT  
18 ACT OCCURRED.

19 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER LAW, ON NOTICE THAT AN  
20 ELECTRONIC OR PAPER FILING INCLUDES IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF A MINOR  
21 VICTIM, UNLESS THE COURT FINDS BY CLEAR AND CONVINCING EVIDENCE THAT  
22 THERE IS GOOD CAUSE TO ORDER OTHERWISE, ~~A PARTY OR NONPARTY MAKING AN~~  
23 ~~ELECTRONIC OR PAPER COURT FILING, INCLUDING THE FILING OF A CHARGING~~  
24 ~~DOCUMENT, IN A CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASE SHALL REDACT ANY~~  
25 ~~IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT APPEARS IN THE FILING~~ THE COURT OR A PARTY  
26 IN A CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASE MAY NOT DISCLOSE OR ALLOW  
27 INSPECTION OF AN ELECTRONIC OR PAPER COURT FILING, INCLUDING A CHARGING  
28 DOCUMENT, TO A NONPARTY TO THE CRIMINAL OR JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASE  
29 UNLESS THE COURT OR THE PARTY DISCLOSING OR ALLOWING INSPECTION OF THE  
30 FILING REDACTS ALL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION THAT APPEARS IN THE FILING.

31 ~~(3) THE SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND MAY ADOPT RULES~~  
32 ~~REQUIRING OR AUTHORIZING A PERSON MAKING A REDACTED FILING UNDER~~  
33 ~~PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO ALSO FILE AN UNREDACTED COPY UNDER~~  
34 ~~SEAL.~~

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.