

SENATE BILL 719

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By: **Senator Benson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Crimes Against Minors – Sensitive Locations**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from committing a felony against a victim who is
4 a minor within a certain distance of certain locations; and generally relating to
5 crimes against minors.

6 BY adding to
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–602.3
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 **3–602.3.**

15 **(A) A PERSON MAY NOT COMMIT A FELONY AGAINST A VICTIM WHO IS A**
16 **MINOR WITHIN 5 MILES OF:**

17 **(1) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, VOCATIONAL, OR**
18 **SECONDARY SCHOOL;**

19 **(2) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OR**
20 **UNIVERSITY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) A SITE WHERE A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY IS BEING**
2 **CONDUCTED;**

3 **(4) A PLAYGROUND OR HOUSING FACILITY OWNED BY A PUBLIC**
4 **HOUSING AUTHORITY;**

5 **(5) A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE YOUTH CENTER;**

6 **(6) A PUBLIC PARK;**

7 **(7) A PUBLIC PLAYGROUND;**

8 **(8) A PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL; OR**

9 **(9) A VIDEO ARCADE.**

10 **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY**
11 **OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO:**

12 **(1) IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 15 YEARS, IF THE PERSON IS AN**
13 **ADULT; OR**

14 **(2) IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS, IF THE PERSON IS A**
15 **MINOR.**

16 **(C) A SENTENCE IMPOSED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL**
17 **BE SEPARATE FROM AND CONSECUTIVE TO A SENTENCE IMPOSED FOR ANY CRIME**
18 **BASED ON THE ACT ESTABLISHING A VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
19 **SECTION.**

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