

# SENATE BILL 929

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By: **Senator Rosapepe**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sex Offender Registration – Local Law Enforcement Units – Registration**  
3 **Locations**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain local law enforcement unit to designate multiple  
5 locations, geographically distributed throughout a certain county, where a certain  
6 registrant can register as required under certain provisions of law; and generally  
7 relating to the sex offender registry.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Criminal Procedure  
10 Section 11–701(a) and (h)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article – Criminal Procedure  
15 Section 11–705  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

21 11–701.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (h) “Local law enforcement unit” means the law enforcement unit in a county that  
24 has been designated by resolution of the county governing body as the primary law

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 enforcement unit in the county.

2 11-705.

3 (a) In this section, "resident" means a person who has a home or other place where  
4 the person habitually lives located in this State when the person:

5 (1) is released;

6 (2) is granted probation;

7 (3) is granted a suspended sentence;

8 (4) receives a sentence that does not include a term of imprisonment; or

9 (5) is released from the juvenile court's jurisdiction under § 3-8A-07 of the  
10 Courts Article, if the person was a minor who lived in the State at the time the act was  
11 committed for which registration is required.

12 (b) A registrant shall register with the appropriate supervising authority in the  
13 State:

14 (1) if the registrant was sentenced to a term of imprisonment before the  
15 date that the registrant is released; or

16 (2) within 3 days of the date that the registrant:

17 (i) is granted probation before judgment;

18 (ii) is granted probation after judgment;

19 (iii) is granted a suspended sentence; or

20 (iv) receives a sentence that does not include a term of imprisonment;

21 (3) if the registrant was a resident who was a minor at the time the act was  
22 committed for which registration is required, within 3 days after the juvenile court's  
23 jurisdiction over the person terminates under § 3-8A-07 of the Courts Article;

24 (4) if the registrant moves into the State, within 3 days after the earlier of  
25 the date that the registrant:

26 (i) establishes a temporary or permanent residence in the State;

27 (ii) begins to habitually live in the State; or

28 (iii) applies for a driver's license in the State; or

1           (5)    if the registrant is not a resident, within 3 days after the registrant:

2                   (i)    begins employment in the State;

3                   (ii)   registers as a student in the State; or

4                   (iii)   enters the State as a transient.

5           (c)   (1)   A sex offender shall also register in person with the local law  
6 enforcement unit of each county where the sex offender resides within 3 days of:

7                   (i)    release from any period of imprisonment or arrest; or

8                   (ii)   registering with the supervising authority, if the registrant is  
9 moving into this State and the local law enforcement unit is not the supervising authority.

10           (2)   A sex offender may be required to give to the local law enforcement unit  
11 more information than required under § 11-706 of this subtitle.

12           (d)   (1)   A homeless registrant also shall register in person with the local law  
13 enforcement unit in each county where the registrant habitually lives:

14                   (i)    within 3 days after the earlier of the date of release or after  
15 registering with the supervising authority; and

16                   (ii)   within 3 days after entering and remaining in a county.

17           (2)   After initially registering with a local law enforcement unit under this  
18 subsection, a homeless registrant shall register once a week in person during the time the  
19 homeless registrant habitually lives in the county.

20           (3)   The registration requirements under this subsection are in addition to  
21 any other requirements the homeless registrant is subject to according to the registrant's  
22 classification as a tier I sex offender, tier II sex offender, tier III sex offender, or sexually  
23 violent predator.

24           (4)   If a registrant who was homeless obtains a fixed address, the registrant  
25 shall register with the appropriate supervising authority and local law enforcement unit  
26 within 3 days after obtaining a fixed address.

27           (e)   Within 3 days of any change, a registrant shall notify the local law  
28 enforcement unit where the registrant most recently registered and each local law  
29 enforcement unit where the registrant will reside or habitually live of changes in:

30                   (1)    residence;

1 (2) the county in which the registrant habitually lives;

2 (3) vehicle or license plate information;

3 (4) electronic mail or Internet identifiers;

4 (5) home or cell phone numbers; or

5 (6) employment.

6 (f) (1) A registrant who commences or terminates enrollment as a full-time or  
7 part-time student at an institution of higher education in the State shall provide notice in  
8 person to the local law enforcement unit where the institution of higher education is located  
9 within 3 days after the commencement or termination of enrollment.

10 (2) A registrant who commences or terminates carrying on employment at  
11 an institution of higher education in the State shall provide notice in person to the local  
12 law enforcement unit where the institution of higher education is located within 3 days  
13 after the commencement or termination of employment.

14 (g) A registrant who is granted a legal change of name by a court shall send  
15 written notice of the change to each local law enforcement unit where the registrant resides  
16 or habitually lives within 3 days after the change is granted.

17 (h) A registrant shall notify each local law enforcement unit where the registrant  
18 resides or habitually lives at least 21 days prior to leaving the United States to commence  
19 residence or employment or attend school in a foreign country.

20 (i) (1) A registrant shall notify each local law enforcement unit where the  
21 registrant resides or habitually lives when the registrant obtains a temporary residence or  
22 alters the location where the registrant resides or habitually lives for more than 5 days or  
23 when the registrant will be absent from the registrant's residence or location where the  
24 registrant resides or habitually lives for more than 7 days.

25 (2) Notification under this subsection shall:

26 (i) be made in writing or in person prior to obtaining a temporary  
27 residence, commencing the period of absence, or temporarily altering a location where the  
28 registrant resides or habitually lives;

29 (ii) include the temporary address or detailed description of the  
30 temporary location where the registrant will reside or habitually live; and

31 (iii) contain the anticipated dates that the temporary residence or  
32 location will be used by the registrant and the anticipated dates that the registrant will be  
33 absent from the registrant's permanent residence or locations where the registrant  
34 regularly resides or habitually lives.

1           (j)     A registrant who establishes a new electronic mail address, computer log-in  
2 or screen name or identity, instant-message identity, or electronic chat room identity shall  
3 send written notice of the new information to the State registry within 3 days after the  
4 electronic mail address, computer log-in or screen name or identity, instant-message  
5 identity, or electronic chat room identity is established.

6           **(K)     EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIT SHALL DESIGNATE MULTIPLE**  
7 **LOCATIONS, GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, WHERE A**  
8 **REGISTRANT CAN REGISTER AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

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