

HOUSE BILL 26

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HB 308/24 – JUD

(PRE-FILED)

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By: **Delegate Healey**
Requested: October 28, 2024
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Missing Person Reports – Collection and Publication**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of State Police to compile and report on its
4 website certain information on missing person reports in the State; requiring a local
5 law enforcement agency to provide certain information on missing person reports to
6 the Department of State Police as required by the Department of State Police;
7 requiring the Department of State Police to adopt procedures for the collection of
8 information from local law enforcement agencies; and generally relating to missing
9 person cases.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 3–609
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Public Safety**

18 **3–609.**

19 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL COLLECT AND PUBLISH ON**
20 **ITS WEBSITE INFORMATION ON MISSING PERSON REPORTS IN THE STATE.**

21 **(B) THE INFORMATION PUBLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
22 **SECTION SHALL:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) BE DISAGGREGATED BY AGE, RACE, AND REPORTING COUNTY;**
2 **AND**

3 **(2) PROVIDE THE NUMBER OF RESOLVED MISSING PERSON REPORTS**
4 **IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.**

5 **(C) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **STATE POLICE SHALL PUBLISH ON ITS WEBSITE A SUMMARY OF ALL INFORMATION**
7 **ON MISSING PERSON REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE**
8 **PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR.**

9 **(D) EACH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE WITH INFORMATION REGARDING ANY MISSING**
11 **PERSON WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE AGENCY AS REQUIRED BY THE**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE.**

13 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE SHALL ADOPT PROCEDURES**
14 **NECESSARY FOR THE COLLECTION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LOCAL LAW**
15 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
17 1, 2026.