

HOUSE BILL 810

E2, E4

5lr1551

By: **Delegates Grammer, Arikan, Simpson, and Szeliga**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2025

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Lethality Assessment Protocol**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt a policy requiring the
4 use of a lethality assessment protocol; and generally relating to a lethality
5 assessment protocol.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Criminal Procedure

8 Section 11–1011

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 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 Procedure**

14 **11–1011.**

15 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
16 **INDICATED.**

17 **(2) “ABUSE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 4–501 OF THE FAMILY**
18 **LAW ARTICLE.**

19 **(3) “DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN**
20 **§ 6–233 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) “LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL” MEANS A MULTIPRONG**
2 **VALIDATED TOOL THAT:**

3 **(I) IS INTENDED TO BE USED BY A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**
4 **DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF A DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME;**

5 **(II) USES EVIDENCE-BASED QUESTIONS TO ASSESS AN**
6 **INDIVIDUAL’S RISK OF BEING INJURED OR KILLED BY THE INDIVIDUAL’S INTIMATE**
7 **PARTNER; AND**

8 **(III) INCLUDES OFFERING LOCAL RESOURCES TO INDIVIDUALS**
9 **WHO ARE LIKELY TO BE INJURED OR KILLED BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER.**

10 **(B) EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL ADOPT A POLICY REQUIRING**
11 **THE USE OF A LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROTOCOL TO EVALUATE ANY PERSON**
12 **BELIEVED TO BE A VICTIM OF OR INJURED IN RELATION TO A DOMESTICALLY**
13 **RELATED CRIME OR ABUSE.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2025.