

HOUSE BILL 952

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Sex Offender Registry – Qualifying Offenses and Access**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local superintendent or the superintendent’s designee to
4 access the Juvenile Sex Offender Registry; adding certain offenses to the list of
5 offenses for which a person adjudicated delinquent is required to be included in the
6 juvenile sex offender registry; and generally relating to juvenile records and the
7 juvenile sex offender registry.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 3–8A–27(b)(1)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Criminal Procedure
15 Section 11–704.1
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 3–8A–27.

22 (b) (1) A court record pertaining to a child is confidential and its contents may
23 not be divulged, by subpoena or otherwise, except by order of the court upon good cause

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 shown or as provided in §§ 7–303 and 22–309 of the Education Article **OR IN § 11–704.1(C)**
2 **OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE ARTICLE.**

3 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

4 11–704.1.

5 (a) In this section, “juvenile registrant” means a person who is required to be
6 included in the registry of juvenile sex offenders under subsection (b) of this section.

7 (b) A person shall be included in a registry of juvenile sex offenders that is
8 maintained by the Department separately from the sex offender registry if[:

9 (1) the person has been adjudicated delinquent for an act that, if committed
10 by an adult[:

11 (i) would constitute a violation of:

12 (1) § 3–303, § 3–304, [or § 3–307(a)(1) or (2)] **§ 3–307, § 3–308, § 3–309,**
13 **OR § 3–310** of the Criminal Law Article; [or

14 (ii) (2) [would constitute a violation of] § 3–305 or § 3–306(a)(1)
15 or (2) of the Criminal Law Article as the sections existed before October 1, 2017; [and

16 (2) the person was a minor who was at least 14 years old at the time the
17 delinquent act was committed.]

18 (3) **§ 3–602 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;**

19 (4) **§ 3–902 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IF THE VICTIM IS A**
20 **MINOR; OR**

21 (5) **§ 11–207 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IF THE VICTIM DOES**
22 **NOT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF OR DOES NOT CONSENT TO THE PRODUCTION OR**
23 **DISTRIBUTION OF THE CHILD PORNOGRAPHY.**

24 (c) The registry of juvenile sex offenders shall be accessible only by law
25 enforcement personnel for law enforcement purposes **AND THE LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT**
26 **OR THE SUPERINTENDENT’S DESIGNEE.**

27 (d) When the juvenile court’s jurisdiction over a juvenile registrant terminates
28 under § 3–8A–07 of the Courts Article **OR WHEN A JUVENILE REGISTRANT REACHES**
29 **THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, WHICHEVER OCCURS LATER,** the juvenile registrant shall be
30 removed from the registry.

1 (e) A juvenile registrant shall appear in person at a location designated by the
2 Department of Juvenile Services every 3 months to:

3 (1) update and verify with the Department of Juvenile Services the
4 information included in the registry of juvenile sex offenders under this section; and

5 (2) allow the Department of Juvenile Services to take a digital image of the
6 juvenile registrant.

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