

# HOUSE BILL 12

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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 registry of juvenile sex offenders; adding certain offenses to the list of  
5 offenses for which a person adjudicated delinquent is required to be included in the  
6 registry of juvenile sex offenders; and generally relating to juvenile records and the  
7 registry of juvenile sex offenders.

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 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Criminal Procedure

15 Section 11-704.1

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

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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 BY THE LOCAL**  
26 **SUPERINTENDENT 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, 2026.