

# HOUSE BILL 475

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HB 652/25 – JUD

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Juvenile Services – Employees – Prohibited Convictions**  
3 **(Juvenile Offender Protection Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Juvenile Services from hiring or  
5 retaining an individual convicted of a certain crime; and generally relating to the  
6 Department of Juvenile Services.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Human Services  
9 Section 9–209.1  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Human Services**

15 **9–209.1.**

16 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
17 **DEPARTMENT MAY NOT KNOWINGLY HIRE OR RETAIN ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS**  
18 **BEEN CONVICTED OF:**

19 **(1) ABDUCTION;**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1           **(2) KIDNAPPING;**
- 2           **(3) MANSLAUGHTER, EXCEPT INVOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER;**
- 3           **(4) MURDER;**
- 4           **(5) RAPE;**
- 5           **(6) SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE OR SECOND DEGREE;**
- 6           **(7) CHILD ABUSE IN THE FIRST DEGREE UNDER § 3-601 OF THE**  
7 **CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;**
- 8           **(8) SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR UNDER § 3-602 OF THE CRIMINAL**  
9 **LAW ARTICLE;**
- 10           **(9) A FELONY OFFENSE UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 11 OF THE**  
11 **CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;**
- 12           **(10) CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT WITH A CHILD UNDER § 3-315**  
13 **OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;**
- 14           **(11) ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE;**
- 15           **(12) ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO MURDER;**
- 16           **(13) ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO RAPE; OR**
- 17           **(14) ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO COMMIT A SEXUAL OFFENSE IN THE**  
18 **FIRST DEGREE OR SECOND DEGREE.**

19           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY HIRE OR RETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL CONVICTED OF**  
20 **A CRIME LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION IF THE JUDGMENT OF**  
21 **CONVICTION FOR THE CRIME WAS REVERSED OR VACATED.**

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 October 1, 2026.