

SENATE BILL 294

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HB 613/25 – JUD

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By: Senator Love

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Protection of Identity of Victim of Sexual Assault or**
3 **Stalking**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case
5 from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing or record to a nonparty
6 unless the court or the party redacts certain identifying information relating to a
7 certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking that appears in the filing or
8 record, subject to a certain exception; requiring a court to redact certain identifying
9 information relating to a certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking from
10 an existing filing or record on certain request; and generally relating to protection of
11 victims.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Criminal Procedure
14 Section 11–301
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

20 11–301.

21 (a) On motion of the State or on request of a victim or witness, during a criminal
22 trial or a juvenile delinquency adjudicatory hearing, a court may prohibit the release of the
23 address or telephone number of the victim or witness unless the court determines that good
24 cause is shown for the release of the information.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



6 (iii) "Minor victim" means [a] AN ALLEGED victim of a crime or
7 delinquent act who was a minor at the time that the crime or delinquent act occurred.

12 (v) "VICTIM OF STALKING" MEANS AN ALLEGED VICTIM OF
13 STALKING AS DEFINED IN § 3-802 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.

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