

# SENATE BILL 640

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

## 1 AN ACT concerning

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the release of a defendant pending sentencing or exhaustion  
5 of appellate review after conviction of a certain crime resulting in the death of a  
6 victim under a certain age; and generally relating to postconviction release.

## 7 BY adding to

## Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 5–301 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 3. Postconviction Release”

## Annotated Code of Maryland

### (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

## Article – Criminal Procedure

### **SUBTITLE 3. POSTCONVICTION RELEASE.**

16 5-301.

17 A COURT MAY NOT RELEASE A DEFENDANT AFTER CONVICTION PENDING  
18 SENTENCING OR EXHAUSTION OF ANY APPELLATE REVIEW IF:

19 (1) THE DEFENDANT WAS CONVICTED OF:

20 (I) A CRIME OF VIOLENCE, AS DEFINED IN § 14-101 OF THE  
21 CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; OR

**EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (II) A VIOLATION OF § 3-602.1 (CHILD NEGLECT) OF THE  
2 CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND

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