

# HOUSE BILL 1579

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Clippinger**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Crime Plan and Law Enforcement Councils**  
3 **(Maryland State Crime Plan)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council; providing for  
5 the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the  
6 Council from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of  
7 certain expenses; requiring the Council to prepare a certain comprehensive crime  
8 plan for the State; requiring the Council to meet a certain number of times annually;  
9 requiring the Governor to attend a certain number of Council meetings; requiring  
10 the Council to report its activities and recommendations annually to the Governor  
11 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; establishing certain regional  
12 law enforcement councils for certain regions determined by the Law Enforcement  
13 Coordinating Council; establishing the purpose of each regional council; providing  
14 for the composition, chair, and staffing of each regional council; requiring certain  
15 meetings to be held by the regional councils for certain purposes; requiring the  
16 regional councils to meet a certain number of times annually; requiring the regional  
17 councils to report on their activities and recommendations annually to the Governor  
18 and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor's Office  
19 of Crime Control and Prevention to report to the Governor and the General Assembly  
20 each month on how certain State assets are being deployed to prevent crime; making  
21 this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of a certain provision  
22 of this Act; and generally relating to a State crime plan and the creation of certain  
23 councils related to law enforcement.

24 BY adding to  
25 Article – Public Safety  
26 Section 2–315 and 2–316  
27 Annotated Code of Maryland  
28 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

29 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

2 **Article – Public Safety**

3 **2–315.**

4 **(A) THERE IS A LAW ENFORCEMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL WITHIN THE**  
5 **DEPARTMENT.**

6 **(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE CRIME BY:**

7 **(1) COORDINATING AND FOCUSING STATE RESOURCES; AND**

8 **(2) ENSURING INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND**  
9 **INTELLIGENCE–SHARING.**

10 **(C) THE COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

11 **(1) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**  
12 **SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

13 **(2) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY’S**  
14 **DESIGNEE;**

15 **(3) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY’S**  
16 **DESIGNEE;**

17 **(4) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,**  
18 **OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

19 **(5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**  
20 **AGENCY, OR THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**

21 **(6) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND**  
22 **ANALYSIS CENTER, OR THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**

23 **(7) THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME**  
24 **CONTROL AND PREVENTION, OR THE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE;**

25 **(8) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

26 **(9) THE CHIEF OF THE LARGEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN**  
27 **EACH COUNTY, OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE;**

1           **(10) THE CHIEF OF THE LARGEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN THE**  
2 **CITY OF ANNAPOLIS, OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE;**

3           **(11) THE CHIEF OF THE LARGEST LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN**  
4 **OCEAN CITY, OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE;**

5           **(12) THE CHIEF OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION**  
6 **POLICE, OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE; AND**

7           **(13) THE CHIEF OF THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**  
8 **POLICE, OR THE CHIEF’S DESIGNEE.**

9           **(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.**

10          **(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COUNCIL.**

11          **(F) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:**

12           **(1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE**  
13 **COUNCIL; BUT**

14           **(2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE**  
15 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

16          **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL PREPARE AND REVISE, AS NECESSARY, A**  
17 **COMPREHENSIVE CRIME PLAN FOR THE STATE.**

18           **(2) THE PLAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL:**

19           **(I) IDENTIFY STATE RESOURCES AND ASSETS THAT STATE**  
20 **AGENCIES ARE USING TO:**

21                   **1. SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES; AND**

22                   **2. PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES**  
23 **WITH THE GREATEST CONCENTRATION OF CRIME;**

24           **(II) ESTABLISH LAW ENFORCEMENT REGIONS IN THE STATE**  
25 **BASED ON PUBLIC SAFETY COMMONALITIES AND PRIORITIES ACROSS**  
26 **JURISDICTIONS;**

27           **(III) SPECIFY STRATEGIES TO:**

1                                   1.     SHARE INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT  
2 AGENCIES;

3                                   2.     DEVELOP     PATROL     AGREEMENTS     ACROSS  
4 JURISDICTIONS; AND

5                                   3.     PROVIDE MUTUAL AID TO LAW ENFORCEMENT  
6 AGENCIES ACROSS JURISDICTIONS;

7                                   (IV) ESTABLISH     TARGETED     INITIATIVES,     INCLUDING  
8 INITIATIVES RELATING TO WARRANTS, EARLY CRIME ALERT AND RISK ASSESSMENT  
9 TOOLS, AND DATA-SHARING;

10                                  (V)    IDENTIFY REGIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL  
11 LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCILS UNDER § 2-316 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

12                                  (VI)  IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES  
13 CAN COLLABORATE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AND HUMAN SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS  
14 MOST LIKELY TO BE VICTIMS OR PERPETRATORS OF CRIME.

15           (H)   (1)   THE COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

16                   (2)   THE GOVERNOR SHALL ATTEND AT LEAST ONE MEETING OF THE  
17 COUNCIL EACH YEAR.

18           (I)   THE COUNCIL MAY INVITE OTHER CHIEFS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
19 ENTITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL.

20           (J)   ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT  
21 A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE  
22 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING ITS ACTIVITIES  
23 AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

24   2-316.

25           (A)   THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
26 COUNCIL FOR EACH OF THE REGIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT  
27 COORDINATING COUNCIL UNDER § 2-315 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

28           (B)   THE PURPOSE OF EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL IS TO PREVENT AND  
29 REDUCE CRIME BY:

30                   (1)   COORDINATING AND FOCUSING STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCES;

1 AND

2 (2) ENSURING INTERAGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND  
3 INTELLIGENCE-SHARING.

4 (C) EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING  
5 MEMBERS:

6 (1) THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL  
7 SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

8 (2) THE SECRETARY OF JUVENILE SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
9 DESIGNEE;

10 (3) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S  
11 DESIGNEE;

12 (4) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
13 OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

14 (5) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
15 AGENCY, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

16 (6) THE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND COORDINATION AND  
17 ANALYSIS CENTER, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

18 (7) THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

19 (8) THE CHIEFS OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH  
20 JURISDICTION IN EACH REGION, OR THEIR DESIGNEES.

21 (D) THE MEMBERS OF EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL SHALL SELECT THE CHAIR  
22 OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

23 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL HIRE A REGIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
24 COORDINATOR TO STAFF EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL.

25 (F) EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL SHALL MEET TO:

26 (1) SHARE INTELLIGENCE;

27 (2) IDENTIFY REGIONAL CRIME TRENDS;

1                   **(3) STRATEGIZE THE DEPLOYMENT OF RESOURCES TO PREVENT AND**  
2 **RESPOND TO REGIONAL CRIME, PARTICULARLY VIOLENT CRIME;**

3                   **(4) REVIEW OUTSTANDING WARRANTS IN THE REGION; AND**

4                   **(5) DISCUSS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS, TECHNOLOGY,**  
5 **AND TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

6                   **(G) EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL SHALL MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY.**

7                   **(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
8 **SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257**  
9 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCERNING**  
10 **THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

11                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12                   (a) Beginning October 1, 2020, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and  
13 Prevention shall submit an updated report on or before the first day of each month to the  
14 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General  
15 Assembly describing how State assets are being deployed to prevent crime.

16                   (b) The report shall:

17                   (1) specify the number of individuals that the Division of Parole and  
18 Probation is monitoring, including the categories of supervision for each individual;

19                   (2) specify the number of individuals the Division of Parole and Probation  
20 has referred to other State agencies for assistance;

21                   (3) identify the housing services the State is providing to individuals  
22 recently released from incarceration;

23                   (4) identify the job training and assistance with employment opportunities  
24 the State is providing to individuals recently released from incarceration;

25                   (5) describe issues relating to access to transportation for individuals  
26 recently released from incarceration;

27                   (6) identify the support services provided to individuals at high risk for  
28 committing crimes; and

29                   (7) specify the manner in which State agencies are sharing specific  
30 information about individuals who have had contact with the criminal justice system.

31                   SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency

1 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has  
2 been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to  
3 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is  
4 enacted. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective through September 30, 2022, and, at  
5 the end of September 30, 2022, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the  
6 General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.