

# HOUSE BILL 121

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By: **Delegate Amprey**  
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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Training Facilities**  
3 **With an Outdoor Firearm Range – Location**

4 FOR the purpose of stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding the location of  
5 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services training facilities with  
6 outdoor firearm ranges; requiring the Department to provide certain facilities with  
7 at least 24 hours' notice before outdoor firearms trainings; requiring the Governor to  
8 appropriate funds in the annual budget bill in certain years for the planning and  
9 relocation of certain training facilities of the Department; and generally relating to  
10 training facilities of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services with  
11 outdoor firearm ranges.

12 BY adding to  
13 Article – Public Safety  
14 Section 3–531  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Public Safety**

20 **3–531.**

21 **(A) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE DEPARTMENT**  
22 **OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES MAY NOT LOCATE AN OUTDOOR**  
23 **TRAINING FACILITY WITH A FIREARM RANGE NEAR ANY BUILDING, GROUNDS, LOT,**  
24 **OR OPEN SPACE OWNED OR OCCUPIED BY ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(1) A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED UNDER § 19-301 OF THE HEALTH –**  
2 **GENERAL ARTICLE;**

3           **(2) AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY INCLUDING A CHILDCARE FACILITY,**  
4 **PUBLIC PLAYGROUND, PRESCHOOL, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, OR**  
5 **UNIVERSITY;**

6           **(3) A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY; OR**

7           **(4) A JUVENILE FACILITY.**

8           **(B) IF A FIREARMS TRAINING IS SCHEDULED AT AN OUTDOOR TRAINING**  
9 **FACILITY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND**  
10 **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, AT LEAST 24 HOURS BEFORE THE TRAINING THE**  
11 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SHALL PROVIDE**  
12 **THE DATE, TIME, AND DURATION OF THE TRAINING TO THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE**  
13 **FOR A FACILITY LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, IF THE FACILITY**  
14 **IS LOCATED CLOSE ENOUGH THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MIGHT HEAR THE SOUND OF**  
15 **GUNSHOTS.**

16           **(C) (1) IN FISCAL YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2030, EACH YEAR THE**  
17 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT**  
18 **FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A TRAINING FACILITY OF THE**  
19 **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES THAT SATISFIES**  
20 **THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

21           **(2) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15, 2024, AND EACH DECEMBER 15**  
22 **THROUGH 2030, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**  
23 **SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH**  
24 **§ 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE**  
25 **FOLLOWING:**

26           **(I) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRAINING FACILITIES WITH**  
27 **FIREARM RANGES OWNED OR USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND**  
28 **CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE NEAR A**  
29 **HOSPITAL, AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL**  
30 **FACILITY, OR A JUVENILE FACILITY;**

31           **(II) THE COST TO RELOCATE OR REPLACE A FACILITY**  
32 **IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH TO AN AREA AWAY FROM A**  
33 **HOSPITAL, AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL**  
34 **FACILITY, OR A JUVENILE FACILITY;**

1                   **(III) DATA ON TRAUMA-RELATED OUTCOMES DUE TO THE**  
2 **LOCATION OF FIREARM RANGES NEAR A HOSPITAL, AN EDUCATIONAL FACILITY, A**  
3 **STATE OR LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, OR A JUVENILE FACILITY;**

4                   **(IV) GUNSHOT DECIBEL AND DISTANCE THRESHOLDS FOR**  
5 **PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY; AND**

6                   **(V) THE FEASIBILITY OF TEMPORARILY RELOCATING FIREARM**  
7 **RANGE TRAINING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL**  
8 **SERVICES OR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE TO GREENBURY POINT AT THE**  
9 **UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY IN ANNAPOLIS.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
11 1, 2024. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years and, at the end of June 30, 2031,  
12 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
13 of no further force and effect.