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By: **Delegate Crutchfield**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction**  
3 **(Youth Equity & Safety Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions  
5 specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to  
6 have committed certain acts; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile  
7 court.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
10 Section 3–8A–03 and 3–8A–27(a)(2)(iv)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing  
14 Article – Criminal Procedure  
15 Section 4–202, 4–202.1, 4–202.2, 10–215(a)(20), and 10–216(d)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
19 Article – Criminal Procedure  
20 Section 10–215(a)(21) through (25)  
21 Annotated Code of Maryland  
22 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
24 Article – Education  
25 Section 7–303(a)(6)  
26 Annotated Code of Maryland

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2022 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

3–8A–03.

(a) In addition to the jurisdiction specified in Subtitle 8 of this title, the court has exclusive original jurisdiction over:

(1) A child:

(i) Who is at least 13 years old alleged to be delinquent; or

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed an act:

1. That, if committed by an adult, would constitute a crime of violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article; or

2. Arising out of the same incident as an act listed in item 1 of this item;

(2) A child who is in need of supervision;

(3) A child who has received a citation for a violation;

(4) Except as provided in subsection [(d)(6)] **(D)(3)** of this section, a peace order proceeding in which the respondent is a child; and

(5) Proceedings arising under the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

(b) The court has concurrent jurisdiction over proceedings against an adult for the violation of § 3–8A–30 of this subtitle. However, the court may waive its jurisdiction under this subsection upon its own motion or upon the motion of any party to the proceeding, if charges against the adult arising from the same incident are pending in the criminal court. Upon motion by either the State’s Attorney or the adult charged under § 3–8A–30 of this subtitle, the court shall waive its jurisdiction, and the adult shall be tried in the criminal court according to the usual criminal procedure.

(c) The jurisdiction of the court is concurrent with that of the District Court in any criminal case arising under the compulsory public school attendance laws of this State.

(d) The court does not have jurisdiction over:

1           (1) [A child at least 14 years old alleged to have done an act that, if  
2 committed by an adult, would be a crime punishable by life imprisonment, as well as all  
3 other charges against the child arising out of the same incident, unless an order removing  
4 the proceeding to the court has been filed under § 4–202 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

5           (2) A child at least 16 years old alleged to have done an act in violation of  
6 any provision of the Transportation Article or other traffic law or ordinance, except an act  
7 that prescribes a penalty of incarceration;

8           (3) (2) A child at least 16 years old alleged to have done an act in  
9 violation of any provision of law, rule, or regulation governing the use or operation of a boat,  
10 except an act that prescribes a penalty of incarceration;

11           (4) A child at least 16 years old alleged to have committed any of the  
12 following crimes, as well as all other charges against the child arising out of the same  
13 incident, unless an order removing the proceeding to the court has been filed under §  
14 4–202 of the Criminal Procedure Article:

15           (i) Abduction;

16           (ii) Kidnapping;

17           (iii) Second degree murder;

18           (iv) Manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter;

19           (v) Second degree rape;

20           (vi) Robbery under § 3–403 of the Criminal Law Article;

21           (vii) Third degree sexual offense under § 3–307(a)(1) of the Criminal  
22 Law Article;

23           (viii) A crime in violation of § 5–133, § 5–134, § 5–138, or § 5–203 of  
24 the Public Safety Article;

25           (ix) Using, wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm during and  
26 in relation to a drug trafficking crime under § 5–621 of the Criminal Law Article;

27           (x) Use of a firearm under § 5–622 of the Criminal Law Article;

28           (xi) Carjacking or armed carjacking under § 3–405 of the Criminal  
29 Law Article;

30           (xii) Assault in the first degree under § 3–202 of the Criminal Law  
31 Article;

1 (xiii) Attempted murder in the second degree under § 2–206 of the  
2 Criminal Law Article;

3 (xiv) Attempted rape in the second degree under § 3–310 of the  
4 Criminal Law Article;

5 (xv) Attempted robbery under § 3–403 of the Criminal Law Article; or

6 (xvi) A violation of § 4–203, § 4–204, § 4–404, or § 4–405 of the  
7 Criminal Law Article;

8 (5) A child who previously has been convicted as an adult of a felony and is  
9 subsequently alleged to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an  
10 adult, unless an order removing the proceeding to the court has been filed under § 4–202 of  
11 the Criminal Procedure Article;]

12 ~~[(6)]~~ (3) A peace order proceeding in which the victim, as defined in §  
13 3–8A–01(cc)(1)(ii) of this subtitle, is a person eligible for relief, as defined in § 4–501 of the  
14 Family Law Article; or

15 ~~[(7)]~~ (4) Except as provided in subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section, a  
16 delinquency proceeding against a child who is under the age of 13 years.

17 (e) If the child is charged with two or more violations of the Maryland Vehicle  
18 Law, another traffic law or ordinance, or the State Boat Act, allegedly arising out of the  
19 same incident and which would result in the child being brought before both the court and  
20 a court exercising criminal jurisdiction, the court has exclusive jurisdiction over all of the  
21 charges.

22 (f) A child under the age of 13 years may not be charged with a crime.

23 3–8A–27.

24 (a) (2) This subsection does not prohibit:

25 (iv) A law enforcement agency of the State or of a political subdivision  
26 of the State, when necessary and for the sole purposes of facilitating apprehension of a child  
27 and ensuring public safety, from releasing to the public photographs and identifying  
28 information of a child who:

29 1. Has escaped from:

30 A. A detention center for juveniles;

31 B. A secure residential facility for juveniles; or

1 C. A correctional unit as defined in § 2-401 of the  
2 Correctional Services Article; **OR**

3 2. Is a missing child as defined in § 9-401 of the Family Law  
4 Article[]; or

5 3. The court does not have jurisdiction over pursuant to §  
6 3-8A-03(e)(1), (4), or (5) of this subtitle and who is subject to:

7 A. Arrest; or

8 B. An arrest warrant issued by a criminal court].

9 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

10 [4-202.

11 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

12 (2) “Victim” has the meaning stated in § 11-104 of this article.

13 (3) “Victim’s representative” has the meaning stated in § 11-104 of this  
14 article.

15 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a court exercising criminal  
16 jurisdiction in a case involving a child may transfer the case to the juvenile court before  
17 trial or before a plea is entered under Maryland Rule 4-242 if:

18 (1) the accused child was at least 14 but not 18 years of age when the  
19 alleged crime was committed;

20 (2) the alleged crime is excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court  
21 under § 3-8A-03(e)(1), (4), or (5) of the Courts Article; and

22 (3) the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that a transfer  
23 of its jurisdiction is in the interest of the child or society.

24 (c) The court may not transfer a case to the juvenile court under subsection (b) of  
25 this section if:

26 (1) the child was convicted in an unrelated case excluded from the  
27 jurisdiction of the juvenile court under § 3-8A-03(e)(1) or (4) of the Courts Article; or

28 (2) the alleged crime is murder in the first degree and the accused child  
29 was 16 or 17 years of age when the alleged crime was committed.

1 (d) In determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under subsection (b) of this  
2 section, the court shall consider:

3 (1) the age of the child;

4 (2) the mental and physical condition of the child;

5 (3) the amenability of the child to treatment in an institution, facility, or  
6 program available to delinquent children;

7 (4) the nature of the alleged crime; and

8 (5) the public safety.

9 (e) In making a determination under this section, the court may order that a  
10 study be made concerning the child, the family of the child, the environment of the child,  
11 and other matters concerning the disposition of the case.

12 (f) The court shall make a transfer determination within 10 days after the date  
13 of a transfer hearing.

14 (g) If the court transfers its jurisdiction under this section, the court may order  
15 the child held for an adjudicatory hearing under the regular procedure of the juvenile court.

16 (h) (1) Pending a determination under this section to transfer its jurisdiction,  
17 the court shall order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility unless:

18 (i) the child is released on bail, recognizance, or other conditions of  
19 pretrial release;

20 (ii) there is not available capacity in a secure juvenile facility, as  
21 determined by the Department of Juvenile Services; or

22 (iii) the court finds that detention in a secure juvenile facility would  
23 pose a risk of harm to the child or others.

24 (2) If the court makes a finding under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection  
25 that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a risk of harm to the child or others,  
26 the court shall state the reasons for the finding on the record.

27 (i) (1) The provisions of § 3-8A-27 of the Courts Article relating to  
28 confidentiality of records apply to all police records and court records concerning the child  
29 excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under § 3-8A-03(e)(1), (4), or (5) of the  
30 Courts Article from the time of the child's arrest until:

31 (i) the time for filing of a motion to transfer to juvenile court under  
32 the Maryland Rules has expired and no such motion has been filed; or

1 (ii) a motion to transfer to juvenile court has been denied.

2 (2) If a case is transferred to the juvenile court under this section:

3 (i) the provisions of § 3–8A–27 of the Courts Article relating to  
4 confidentiality of records continue to apply to all police and court records concerning the  
5 child; and

6 (ii) the criminal charge is subject to expungement under § 10–106 of  
7 this article.

8 (j) (1) A victim or victim’s representative shall be given notice of the transfer  
9 hearing as provided under § 11–104 of this article.

10 (2) (i) A victim or a victim’s representative may submit a victim impact  
11 statement to the court as provided in § 11–402 of this article.

12 (ii) This paragraph does not preclude a victim or victim’s  
13 representative who has not filed a notification request form under § 11–104 of this article  
14 from submitting a victim impact statement to the court.

15 (iii) The court shall consider a victim impact statement in  
16 determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under this section.

17 (k) (1) Regardless of whether the District Court has jurisdiction over the case,  
18 at a bail review or preliminary hearing before the District Court involving a child whose  
19 case is eligible for transfer under subsection (b) of this section, the District Court:

20 (i) may order that a study be made under the provisions of  
21 subsection (e) of this section; and

22 (ii) shall order that the child be held in a secure juvenile facility  
23 pending a transfer determination under this section unless:

24 1. the child is released on bail, recognizance, or other  
25 conditions of pretrial release;

26 2. there is not available capacity at a secure juvenile facility  
27 as determined by the Department of Juvenile Services; or

28 3. the District Court finds that detention in a secure juvenile  
29 facility would pose a risk of harm to the child or others.

30 (2) If the District Court makes a finding under paragraph (1)(ii)3 of this  
31 subsection that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a risk of harm to the child  
32 or others, the District Court shall state the reasons for the finding on the record.]

1 [4-202.1.

2 (a) In this section, “child” means a defendant who is under the age of 18 years  
3 and whose case is eligible for transfer under the provisions of § 4-202(b)(1) and (2) and (c)  
4 of this subtitle.

5 (b) If a child remains in custody for any reason after a bail review hearing:

6 (1) in the case of a child charged with a felony that is not within the  
7 jurisdiction of the District Court, the District Court shall:

8 (i) clearly indicate on the case file and in computer records that the  
9 case involves a detained child; and

10 (ii) set a preliminary hearing to be held within 15 days after the bail  
11 review hearing; or

12 (2) in the case of a child charged with a crime in the District Court, the  
13 District Court:

14 (i) shall clearly indicate on the case file and in computer records  
15 that the case involves a detained child;

16 (ii) shall set a transfer hearing under § 4-202 of this subtitle to be  
17 held within 30 days after the filing of the charging document;

18 (iii) may order that a study be made under § 4-202 of this subtitle;  
19 and

20 (iv) shall require that prompt notice be given to counsel for the child,  
21 or, if the child is not represented by counsel, to the Office of the Public Defender.

22 (c) On receipt of a District Court case file that indicates that the case involves a  
23 child who was detained after a bail review hearing under subsection (b) of this section, a  
24 circuit court:

25 (1) unless previously set by the District Court under subsection (b)(2) of  
26 this section, shall set a transfer hearing under § 4-202 of this subtitle to be held within 30  
27 days after the filing of the charging document in the circuit court;

28 (2) unless previously ordered by the District Court under subsection (b)(2)  
29 of this section, may order that a study be made under § 4-202 of this subtitle; and

30 (3) shall require that prompt notice be given to counsel for the child, or, if  
31 the child is not represented by counsel, to the Office of the Public Defender.]



1 [4-202.2.

2 (a) At sentencing, a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a  
3 child shall determine whether to transfer jurisdiction to the juvenile court if:

4 (1) as a result of trial or a plea entered under Maryland Rule 4-242, all  
5 charges that excluded jurisdiction from the juvenile court under § 3-8A-03(e)(1) or (4) of  
6 the Courts Article do not result in a finding of guilty; and

7 (2) (i) pretrial transfer was prohibited under § 4-202(c)(2) of this  
8 subtitle; or

9 (ii) the court did not transfer jurisdiction after a hearing under §  
10 4-202(b) of this subtitle.

11 (b) In determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under subsection (a) of this  
12 section, the court shall consider:

13 (1) the age of the child;

14 (2) the mental and physical condition of the child;

15 (3) the amenability of the child to treatment in an institution, facility, or  
16 program available to delinquent children;

17 (4) the nature of the child's acts as proven in the trial or admitted to in a  
18 plea entered under Maryland Rule 4-242; and

19 (5) public safety.

20 (c) The court may not consider transferring jurisdiction to the juvenile court  
21 under this section if:

22 (1) under the terms of a plea agreement entered under Maryland Rule  
23 4-243, the child agrees that jurisdiction is not to be transferred; or

24 (2) pretrial transfer was prohibited under § 4-202(c)(1) of this subtitle.

25 (d) (1) A victim or victim's representative shall be given notice of the transfer  
26 hearing as provided under § 11-104 of this article.

27 (2) (i) A victim or victim's representative may submit a victim impact  
28 statement to the court as provided in § 11-402 of this article.

29 (ii) This paragraph does not preclude a victim or victim's  
30 representative who has not filed a notification request form under § 11-104 of this article  
31 from submitting a victim impact statement to the court.

1 (iii) The court shall consider a victim impact statement in  
2 determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under this section.

3 (e) (1) If the court transfers its jurisdiction to the juvenile court, the court shall  
4 conduct a disposition under the regular procedures of the juvenile court.

5 (2) The record of the hearing and of the disposition shall be transferred to  
6 the juvenile court, subject to § 3-8A-27 of the Courts Article.]

7 10-215.

8 (a) The following events are reportable events under this subtitle that must be  
9 reported to the Central Repository in accordance with § 10-214 of this subtitle:

10 [(20) an adjudication of a child as delinquent:

11 (i) if the child is at least 14 years old, for an act described in §  
12 3-8A-03(e)(1) of the Courts Article; or

13 (ii) if the child is at least 16 years old, for an act described in §  
14 3-8A-03(e)(4) or (5) of the Courts Article;]

15 [(21) (20) the issuance or withdrawal of a writ of attachment by a juvenile  
16 court;

17 [(22) (21) the initial registration of a person under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of  
18 this article;

19 [(23) (22) the imposition of lifetime sexual offender supervision under Title  
20 11, Subtitle 7 of this article;

21 [(24) (23) a finding that a defendant has been convicted of or received a  
22 probation before judgment disposition for a domestically related crime under § 6-233 of  
23 this article; and

24 [(25) (24) any other event arising out of or occurring during the course of a  
25 criminal proceeding that the Secretary by regulation or the Court of Appeals by rule makes  
26 a reportable event.

27 10-216.

28 [(d) (1) This subsection only applies to an adjudication of delinquency of a child:

29 (i) for an act described in § 3-8A-03(e)(1) of the Courts Article if the  
30 child is at least 14 years old; or

1 (ii) for an act described in § 3–8A–03(e)(4) or (5) of the Courts Article  
2 if the child is at least 16 years old.

3 (2) If a child has not been previously fingerprinted as a result of arrest for  
4 the delinquent act, the court that held the disposition hearing of the child adjudicated  
5 delinquent shall order the child to be fingerprinted by the appropriate and available law  
6 enforcement unit.

7 (3) If the child cannot be fingerprinted at the time of the disposition  
8 hearing held under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall order the child to report  
9 to a designated law enforcement unit to be fingerprinted within 3 days after making a  
10 disposition on an adjudication of delinquency.]

### 11 Article – Education

12 7–303.

13 (a) (6) “Reportable offense” means an offense that:

14 (i) Occurred off school premises;

15 (ii) Did not occur at an event sponsored by the school; and

16 (iii) Involved any of the following:

17 1. A crime of violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal  
18 Law Article;

19 2. [Any of the offenses enumerated in § 3–8A–03(e)(4) of the  
20 Courts Article;

21 3.] A violation of § 4–101, § 4–102, § 4–203, or § 4–204 of the  
22 Criminal Law Article;

23 [4.] 3. A violation of § 5–602, § 5–603, § 5–604, § 5–605, § 5–606,  
24 § 5–607, § 5–608, § 5–608.1, § 5–609, § 5–612, § 5–613, § 5–614, § 5–617, § 5–618, § 5–627,  
25 or § 5–628 of the Criminal Law Article;

26 [5.] 4. A violation of § 4–503, § 9–504, or § 9–505 of the Criminal  
27 Law Article;

28 [6.] 5. A violation of § 6–102, § 6–103, § 6–104, or § 6–105 of the  
29 Criminal Law Article;

1 [7.] **6.** A violation of § 9–802 or § 9–803 of the Criminal Law  
2 Article;

3 [8.] **7.** A violation of § 3–203 of the Criminal Law Article;

4 [9.] **8.** A violation of § 6–301 of the Criminal Law Article;

5 [10.] **9.** A violation of § 9–302, § 9–303, or § 9–305 of the  
6 Criminal Law Article;

7 [11.] **10.** A violation of § 7–105 of the Criminal Law Article;

8 [12.] **11.** A violation of § 6–202 of the Criminal Law Article;  
9 or

10 [13.] **12.** A violation of § 10–606 of the Criminal Law Article.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
12 October 1, 2023.