

# SENATE BILL 629

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By: **Senator Edwards**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Landlord and Tenant – Eviction Data – Collection and Distribution**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Judiciary to collect certain data pertaining to a warrant  
4 of restitution or a writ of possession issued in accordance with a certain judgment  
5 for possession of residential property; requiring the Judiciary to periodically share  
6 eviction data with the Department of Housing and Community Development;  
7 requiring the Department to publish eviction data in a dashboard on the  
8 Department’s website; requiring the Department to make eviction data available in  
9 a certain format to a State or local agency or an academic institution located in the  
10 State; and generally relating to the collection and distribution of eviction data.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Real Property  
13 Section 14–133  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Real Property**

19 **14–133.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
2 INDICATED.

3 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

5 (3) "EVICITION DATA" MEANS, FOR EACH WARRANT OF RESTITUTION  
6 OR WRIT OF POSSESSION ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A JUDGMENT FOR  
7 POSSESSION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ENTERED UNDER TITLE 7, SUBTITLE 1 OF  
8 THIS ARTICLE, §§ 8-401 THROUGH 8-402.2 OF THIS ARTICLE, OR § 14-132 OF THIS  
9 SUBTITLE:

10 (I) THE COUNTY, AND ZIP CODE, ~~AND CENSUS TRACT~~ OF THE  
11 SUBJECT PREMISES;

12 (II) THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THE WARRANT OR WRIT; AND

13 (III) THE TYPE OF ACTION FROM WHICH THE WARRANT OR WRIT  
14 WAS ISSUED.

15 (B) ~~EVERY 2 WEEKS~~ EACH MONTH, THE JUDICIARY SHALL COLLECT,  
16 COMPILE, AND SHARE COMPLETE EVICITION DATA FROM THE IMMEDIATELY  
17 PRECEDING ~~2-WEEK PERIOD~~ MONTH WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN THE MANNER  
18 REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

19 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

20 (1) ORGANIZE AND FORMAT THE DATA RECEIVED UNDER  
21 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION;

22 (2) PUBLISH THE DATA IN A DATA DASHBOARD ON THE  
23 DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARD MONTHLY;

24 (3) MAKE THE DATA AVAILABLE ~~ON REQUEST BY A STATE AGENCY OR~~  
25 ~~AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE~~ FOR DOWNLOAD IN OPEN DATA  
26 SETS THAT ALLOW AUTOMATED SEARCHING, SPATIAL ANALYSIS, VISUALIZATION,  
27 AND PROCESSING, ON REQUEST BY:

28 (I) A STATE AGENCY;

29 (II) AN AGENCY OF A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; OR

30 (III) AN ACADEMIC INSTITUTION LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND

1           **(4) ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 2023, AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,**  
2 **SUBMIT A REPORT ON THE EVICTION DATA TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN**  
3 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL**  
4 **ASSEMBLY.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 ~~October 1, 2022~~ January 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.