

# SENATE BILL 1137

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## ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary —

Introduced by **Senator Conway**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Correctional Services – Inmate Case Record – Educational, Vocational, and Job~~  
3 ~~History~~

4 ***Criminal Law – Prohibitions, Prosecutions, and Corrections***

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Division of Correction to conduct a certain educational,  
6 vocational, and job history interview for certain inmates; requiring the Division to  
7 include the results of a certain educational, vocational, and job history interview in  
8 certain inmate case records; adding to the list of programs for which a certain inmate  
9 may be allowed a certain deduction from the inmate’s term of confinement for each  
10 calendar month during which the inmate manifests satisfactory progress in or  
11 completion of the program; adding certain crimes relating to firearms to a certain list  
12 of crimes for which certain evidence may be gathered by, and a judge may grant an  
13 order authorizing, interception of oral, wire, or electronic communications; making  
14 conforming changes; altering the definition of “drug paraphernalia” to exclude  
15 equipment used to test or analyze a controlled dangerous substance; altering a certain

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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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



prohibition on the possession of drug paraphernalia; altering the list of controlled dangerous substances applicable to a certain prohibition against volume dealing in controlled dangerous substances; altering maximum penalties for crimes relating to inducing false testimony or avoidance of a subpoena, retaliation for testimony, and intimidating or corrupting a juror; establishing the Task Force to Study Maryland's Criminal Gang Statutes; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the Task Force; and generally relating to inmate case records to criminal prohibitions, prosecutions, and corrections.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Correctional Services  
 Section 3–601 *and* 3–706  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2017 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings  
Section 10–402(c)(2) and 10–406(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 5–101(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Criminal Law  
Section 5–101(p), 5–612, 5–619(c) and (d), 9–302, 9–303, and 9–305  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2012 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

### Article – Correctional Services

3–601.

(a) In this section, “risk and needs assessment” has the meaning stated in § 6–101 of this article.

1 (b) Promptly after an inmate is sentenced to the jurisdiction of the Division, the  
2 Division shall assemble an adequate case record for the inmate that includes:

3 (1) a description of the inmate;

4 (2) a photograph of the inmate;

5 (3) the family history of the inmate;

6 **(4) THE EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL, AND JOB HISTORY OF THE**  
7 **INMATE;**

8 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** any previous record of the inmate;

9 ~~[(5)]~~ **(6)** a summary of the facts of each case for which the inmate is  
10 serving a sentence; **AND**

11 ~~[(6)]~~ **(7) AS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,** the  
12 results of:

13 **(I)** a risk and needs assessment of the inmate [required under  
14 subsection (c) of this section; and

15 (7) the results of];

16 **(II)** the physical[,] **AND** mental[, and educational] examination of  
17 the inmate [required under subsection (c) of this section]; **AND**

18 **(III) THE EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL, AND JOB HISTORY**  
19 **INTERVIEW OF THE INMATE.**

20 (c) The Division shall conduct, **FOR EACH INMATE, AS SOON AS FEASIBLE**  
21 **AFTER THE INDIVIDUAL IS SENTENCED TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE DIVISION:**

22 **(1)** a risk and needs assessment [and];

23 **(2)** a physical[,] **AND** mental [, and educational] examination [of an inmate  
24 as soon as feasible after the individual is sentenced to the jurisdiction of the Division]; **AND**

25 **(3) AN EDUCATIONAL, VOCATIONAL, AND JOB HISTORY INTERVIEW.**

26 (d) (1) Based on the information assembled under subsection (b) of this  
27 section, the Division shall classify an inmate and develop a case plan to guide an inmate's  
28 rehabilitation while under the custody of the Division.

1 (2) The case plan developed under this subsection shall include:

2 (i) programming and treatment recommendations based on the  
3 results of the risk and needs assessment conducted under subsection (c) of this section;

4 (ii) required conduct in accordance with the rules and policies of the  
5 Division; and

6 (iii) a plan for the payment of restitution, not to supersede any  
7 payment plan established by the court, if restitution has been ordered.

8 (e) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Division, the managing official  
9 of each correctional facility shall maintain, as a part of an inmate's case record:

10 (1) an adequate record of the conduct, effort, and progress of the inmate  
11 during confinement; and

12 (2) a record of the character of any offense committed by the inmate and  
13 the nature and amount of punishment inflicted.

14 (f) To identify an inmate, the Division may photograph and fingerprint the  
15 inmate and record a description of the inmate's personal background data.

16 3-706.

17 (a) In addition to any other deductions allowed under this subtitle, as an incentive  
18 to reduce a term of incarceration, an inmate may be allowed a deduction of 5 days from the  
19 inmate's term of confinement for each calendar month during which the inmate manifests  
20 satisfactory progress in or completion of:

21 (1) vocational courses;

22 (2) other educational and training courses;

23 (3) workforce development training;

24 (4) cognitive-behavioral therapy; [or]

25 (5) substance abuse therapy;

26 (6) **LIFE SKILLS TRAINING; OR**

27 (7) **ANTIVIOLENCE THERAPY, INCLUDING ANGER MANAGEMENT AND**  
28 **CONFLICT RESOLUTION.**

1           **(b) The deduction described in subsection (a) of this section shall be calculated:**

2                   **(1) from the first day that the inmate participates in the course; and**

3                   **(2) on a prorated basis for any portion of the calendar month during which**  
 4 **the inmate participates in the course.**

5                                   **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

6 **10-402.**

7           **(c) (2) (i) This paragraph applies to an interception in which:**

8                                   **1. The investigative or law enforcement officer or other person**  
 9 **is a party to the communication; or**

10                                  **2. One of the parties to the communication has given prior**  
 11 **consent to the interception.**

12                                  **(ii) It is lawful under this subtitle for an investigative or law**  
 13 **enforcement officer acting in a criminal investigation or any other person acting at the prior**  
 14 **direction and under the supervision of an investigative or law enforcement officer to intercept**  
 15 **a wire, oral, or electronic communication in order to provide evidence:**

16                                   **1. Of the commission of:**

17                                   **A. Murder;**

18                                   **B. Kidnapping;**

19                                   **C. Rape;**

20                                   **D. A sexual offense in the first or second degree;**

21                                   **E. Child abuse in the first or second degree;**

22                                   **F. Child pornography under § 11-207, § 11-208, or §**  
 23 **11-208.1 of the Criminal Law Article;**

24                                   **G. Gambling;**

25                                   **H. Robbery under § 3-402 or § 3-403 of the Criminal Law**  
 26 **Article;**

27                                   **I. A felony under Title 6, Subtitle 1 of the Criminal Law**  
 28 **Article;**

1 J. Bribery;

2 K. Extortion;

3 L. Dealing in a controlled dangerous substance, including a  
4 violation of § 5-617 or § 5-619 of the Criminal Law Article;

5 M. A fraudulent insurance act, as defined in Title 27, Subtitle  
6 4 of the Insurance Article;

7 N. An offense relating to destructive devices under § 4-503 of  
8 the Criminal Law Article;

9 O. A human trafficking offense under § 11-303 of the  
10 Criminal Law Article;

11 P. Sexual solicitation of a minor under § 3-324 of the  
12 Criminal Law Article;

13 Q. An offense relating to obstructing justice under § 9-302, §  
14 9-303, or § 9-305 of the Criminal Law Article;

15 R. Sexual abuse of a minor under § 3-602 of the Criminal Law  
16 Article;

17 S. A theft scheme or continuing course of conduct under §  
18 7-103(f) of the Criminal Law Article involving an aggregate value of property or services of  
19 at least \$10,000;

20 T. Abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult under § 3-604 or §  
21 3-605 of the Criminal Law Article;

22 U. An offense relating to Medicaid fraud under §§ 8-509  
23 through 8-515 of the Criminal Law Article; [or]

24 V. AN OFFENSE INVOLVING A FIREARM UNDER § 5-134, §  
25 5-136, § 5-138, § 5-140, § 5-141, OR § 5-144 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; OR

26 W. A conspiracy or solicitation to commit an offense listed in  
27 items A through [U] V of this item; or

28 2. If:

29 A. A person has created a barricade situation; and

1 B. Probable cause exists for the investigative or law  
2 enforcement officer to believe a hostage or hostages may be involved.

3 10-406.

4 (a) The Attorney General, State Prosecutor, or any State's Attorney may apply to a  
5 judge of competent jurisdiction, and the judge, in accordance with the provisions of §  
6 10-408 of this subtitle, may grant an order authorizing the interception of wire, oral, or  
7 electronic communications by investigative or law enforcement officers when the interception  
8 may provide or has provided evidence of the commission of:

9 (1) Murder;

10 (2) Kidnapping;

11 (3) Rape;

12 (4) A sexual offense in the first or second degree;

13 (5) Child abuse in the first or second degree;

14 (6) Child pornography under § 11-207, § 11-208, or § 11-208.1 of the  
15 Criminal Law Article;

16 (7) Gambling;

17 (8) Robbery under § 3-402 or § 3-403 of the Criminal Law Article;

18 (9) A felony under Title 6, Subtitle 1 of the Criminal Law Article;

19 (10) Bribery;

20 (11) Extortion;

21 (12) Dealing in a controlled dangerous substance, including a violation of §  
22 5-617 or § 5-619 of the Criminal Law Article;

23 (13) A fraudulent insurance act, as defined in Title 27, Subtitle 4 of the  
24 Insurance Article;

25 (14) An offense relating to destructive devices under § 4-503 of the Criminal  
26 Law Article;

27 (15) A human trafficking offense under § 11-303 of the Criminal Law Article;

28 (16) Sexual solicitation of a minor under § 3-324 of the Criminal Law Article;

1 (17) An offense relating to obstructing justice under § 9-302, § 9-303, or §  
 2 9-305 of the Criminal Law Article;

3 (18) Sexual abuse of a minor under § 3-602 of the Criminal Law Article;

4 (19) A theft scheme or continuing course of conduct under § 7-103(f) of the  
 5 Criminal Law Article involving an aggregate value of property or services of at least \$10,000;

6 (20) Abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult under § 3-604 or § 3-605 of the  
 7 Criminal Law Article;

8 (21) An offense relating to Medicaid fraud under §§ 8-509 through 8-515 of  
 9 the Criminal Law Article; [or]

10 (22) AN OFFENSE INVOLVING A FIREARM UNDER § 5-134, § 5-136, §  
 11 5-138, § 5-140, § 5-141, OR § 5-144 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE; OR

12 (23) A conspiracy or solicitation to commit an offense listed in items (1)  
 13 through [(21)] (22) of this subsection.

14 Article – Criminal Law

15 5-101.

16 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (p) (1) “Drug paraphernalia” means equipment, a product, or material that is  
 18 used, intended for use, or designed for use, in:

19 (i) planting, propagating, cultivating, growing, harvesting,  
 20 manufacturing, compounding, converting, producing, processing, preparing, [testing,  
 21 analyzing,] packaging, repackaging, storing, containing, or concealing a controlled  
 22 dangerous substance in violation of this title; or

23 (ii) injecting, ingesting, inhaling, or otherwise introducing into the  
 24 human body a controlled dangerous substance in violation of this title.

25 (2) “Drug paraphernalia” includes:

26 (i) a kit used, intended for use, or designed for use in planting,  
 27 propagating, cultivating, growing, or harvesting any species of plant that is a controlled  
 28 dangerous substance or from which a controlled dangerous substance can be derived;

29 (ii) a kit used, intended for use, or designed for use in manufacturing,  
 30 compounding, converting, producing, processing, or preparing a controlled dangerous  
 31 substance;

1                   (iii) an isomerization device used, intended for use, or designed for use  
2 in increasing the potency of any species of plant that is a controlled dangerous substance;

3                   (iv) testing equipment used, intended for use, or designed for use [in  
4 identifying or] in analyzing the strength, effectiveness, or purity of a controlled dangerous  
5 substance;

6                   (v) a scale or balance used, intended for use, or designed for use in  
7 weighing or measuring a controlled dangerous substance;

8                   (vi) a diluent or adulterant, such as quinine hydrochloride, mannitol,  
9 mannite, dextrose, or lactose, used, intended for use, or designed for use in cutting a  
10 controlled dangerous substance;

11                   (vii) a separation gin or sifter used, intended for use, or designed for  
12 use in removing twigs and seeds from, or in otherwise cleaning or refining, marijuana;

13                   (viii) a blender, bowl, container, spoon, or mixing device used, intended  
14 for use, or designed for use in compounding a controlled dangerous substance;

15                   (ix) a capsule, balloon, envelope, or other container used, intended for  
16 use, or designed for use in packaging small quantities of a controlled dangerous substance;

17                   (x) a container or other object used, intended for use, or designed for  
18 use in storing or concealing a controlled dangerous substance;

19                   (xi) a hypodermic syringe, needle, or other object used, intended for  
20 use, or designed for use in parenterally injecting a controlled dangerous substance into the  
21 human body; and

22                   (xii) an object used, intended for use, or designed for use in ingesting,  
23 inhaling, or otherwise introducing marijuana, cocaine, hashish, or hashish oil into the  
24 human body such as:

25                   1. a metal, wooden, acrylic, glass, stone, plastic, or ceramic  
26 pipe with or without screen, permanent screen, hashish head, or punctured metal bowl;

27                   2. a water pipe;

28                   3. a carburetion tube or device;

29                   4. a smoking or carburetion mask;

30                   5. an object known as a roach clip used to hold burning  
31 material, such as a marijuana cigarette that has become too small or too short to be held in  
32 the hand;

1                    6.     *a miniature spoon used for cocaine and cocaine vials;*

2                    7.     *a chamber pipe;*

3                    8.     *a carburetor pipe;*

4                    9.     *an electric pipe;*

5                    10.   *an air-driven pipe;*

6                    11.   *a chillum;*

7                    12.   *a bong; and*

8                    13.   *an ice pipe or chiller.*

9     5-612.

10            (a)    *A person may not manufacture, distribute, dispense, or possess:*

11                    (1)    *50 pounds or more of marijuana;*

12                    (2)    *448 grams or more of cocaine;*

13                    (3)    *448 grams or more of any mixture containing a detectable amount, AS*  
 14 **SCIENTIFICALLY MEASURED USING REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING METHODOLOGY, of**  
 15 **cocaine;**

16                    (4)    *448 grams or more of cocaine base, commonly known as “crack”;*

17                    (5)    *28 grams or more of morphine or opium or any derivative, salt, isomer,*  
 18 **or salt of an isomer of morphine or opium;**

19                    (6)    *[any mixture containing] 28 grams or more of ANY MIXTURE*  
 20 **CONTAINING A DETECTABLE AMOUNT, AS SCIENTIFICALLY MEASURED USING**  
 21 **REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING METHODOLOGY, OF morphine or opium or any derivative,**  
 22 **salt, isomer, or salt of an isomer of morphine or opium;**

23                    (7)    **5 GRAMS OR MORE OF FENTANYL OR ANY STRUCTURAL VARIATION**  
 24 **OF FENTANYL THAT IS SCHEDULED BY THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT**  
 25 **ADMINISTRATION;**

26                    (8)    **28 GRAMS OR MORE OF ANY MIXTURE CONTAINING A DETECTABLE**  
 27 **AMOUNT, AS SCIENTIFICALLY MEASURED USING REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING**

1 METHODOLOGY, OF FENTANYL OR ANY STRUCTURAL VARIATION OF FENTANYL THAT  
 2 IS SCHEDULED BY THE UNITED STATES DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION;

3 [(7)] (9) 1,000 dosage units or more of lysergic acid diethylamide;

4 [(8)] (10) any mixture containing the equivalent of 1,000 dosage units of  
 5 lysergic acid diethylamide;

6 [(9)] (11) 16 ounces or more of phencyclidine in liquid form;

7 [(10)] (12) 448 grams or more of any mixture containing A DETECTABLE  
 8 AMOUNT, AS SCIENTIFICALLY MEASURED USING REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING  
 9 METHODOLOGY, OF phencyclidine;

10 [(11)] (13) 448 grams or more of methamphetamine; or

11 [(12)] (14) [any mixture containing] 448 grams or more of ANY MIXTURE  
 12 CONTAINING A DETECTABLE AMOUNT, AS SCIENTIFICALLY MEASURED USING  
 13 REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLING METHODOLOGY, OF methamphetamine.

14 (b) For the purpose of determining the quantity of a controlled dangerous  
 15 substance involved in individual acts of manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or  
 16 possessing under subsection (a) of this section, the acts may be aggregated if each of the acts  
 17 occurred within a 90-day period.

18 (c) (1) A person who is convicted of a violation of subsection (a) of this section  
 19 shall be sentenced to imprisonment for not less than 5 years and is subject to a fine not  
 20 exceeding \$100,000.

21 (2) The court may not suspend any part of the mandatory minimum  
 22 sentence of 5 years.

23 (3) Except as provided in § 4-305 of the Correctional Services Article, the  
 24 person is not eligible for parole during the mandatory minimum sentence.

25 5-619.

26 (c) (1) This subsection does not apply to the use or possession of drug  
 27 paraphernalia involving the use or possession of marijuana.

28 (2) Unless authorized under this title, a person may not use or possess with  
 29 intent to use drug paraphernalia to:

30 (i) plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture,  
 31 compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, [test, analyze,] pack, repack, store, contain,  
 32 or conceal a controlled dangerous substance; or

1                   (ii) inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body  
2 a controlled dangerous substance.

3                   (3) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
4 conviction is subject to:

5                   (i) for a first violation, a fine not exceeding \$500; and

6                   (ii) for each subsequent violation, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years  
7 or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both.

8                   (4) A person who is convicted of violating this subsection for the first time  
9 and who previously has been convicted of violating subsection (d)(4) of this section is subject  
10 to the penalty specified under paragraph (3)(ii) of this subsection.

11                  (d) (1) Unless authorized under this title, a person may not deliver or sell, or  
12 manufacture or possess with intent to deliver or sell, drug paraphernalia, knowing, or under  
13 circumstances where one reasonably should know, that the drug paraphernalia will be used  
14 to:

15                   (i) plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture,  
16 compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, [test, analyze,] pack, repack, store, contain,  
17 or conceal a controlled dangerous substance; or

18                   (ii) inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body  
19 a controlled dangerous substance.

20                   (2) A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and on  
21 conviction is subject to:

22                   (i) for a first violation, a fine not exceeding \$500; and

23                   (ii) for each subsequent violation, imprisonment not exceeding 2 years  
24 or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both.

25                   (3) A person who is convicted of violating this subsection for the first time  
26 and who previously has been convicted of violating paragraph (4) of this subsection is subject  
27 to imprisonment not exceeding 2 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,000 or both.

28                   (4) If a person who is at least 18 years old violates paragraph (1) of this  
29 subsection by delivering drug paraphernalia to a minor who is at least 3 years younger than  
30 the person, the person is guilty of a separate misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to  
31 imprisonment not exceeding 8 years or a fine not exceeding \$15,000 or both.

32 9-302.

1        (a) A person may not harm another, threaten to harm another, or damage or  
2 destroy property with the intent to:

3            (1) influence a victim or witness to testify falsely or withhold testimony; or

4            (2) induce a victim or witness:

5                    (i) to avoid the service of a subpoena or summons to testify;

6                    (ii) to be absent from an official proceeding to which the victim or  
7 witness has been subpoenaed or summoned; or

8                    (iii) not to report the existence of facts relating to a crime or delinquent  
9 act.

10        (b) A person may not solicit another person to harm another, threaten to harm  
11 another, or damage or destroy property with the intent to:

12            (1) influence a victim or witness to testify falsely or withhold testimony; or

13            (2) induce a victim or witness:

14                    (i) to avoid the service of a subpoena or summons to testify;

15                    (ii) to be absent from an official proceeding to which the victim or  
16 witness has been subpoenaed or summoned; or

17                    (iii) not to report the existence of facts relating to a crime or delinquent  
18 act.

19        (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who  
20 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment  
21 not exceeding [5] 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

22            (2) If the testimony, subpoena, official proceeding, or report involving the  
23 victim or witness relates to a felonious violation of Title 5 of this article or the commission  
24 of a crime of violence as defined in § 14-101 of this article, or a conspiracy or solicitation to  
25 commit such a crime, a person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction  
26 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

27        (d) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive to  
28 or concurrent with a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this  
29 section.

30 9-303.

1        (a) A person may not intentionally harm another, threaten to harm another, or  
2 damage or destroy property with the intent of retaliating against:

3            (1) a victim or witness for:

4            (i) giving testimony in an official proceeding; or

5            (ii) reporting a crime or delinquent act;

6            (2) a juror for any reason relating to the performance of the juror's official  
7 duties in a pending or completed case in a court of the State or the United States; or

8            (3) an officer of the court of the State or the United States for any reason  
9 relating to the performance of the officer's official duties in a pending or completed case.

10        (b) A person may not solicit another person to intentionally harm another, threaten  
11 to harm another, or damage or destroy property with the intent of retaliating against:

12            (1) a victim or witness for:

13            (i) giving testimony in an official proceeding; or

14            (ii) reporting a crime or delinquent act;

15            (2) a juror for any reason relating to the performance of the juror's official  
16 duties in a pending or completed case in a court of the State or the United States; or

17            (3) an officer of the court of the State or the United States for any reason  
18 relating to the performance of the officer's official duties in a pending or completed case.

19        (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who  
20 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment  
21 not exceeding [5] 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

22            (2) If the official proceeding or report described in subsection (a) of this  
23 section relates to a felonious violation of Title 5 of this article or the commission of a crime  
24 of violence as defined in § 14-101 of this article, or a conspiracy or solicitation to commit  
25 such a crime, a person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction is  
26 subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

27        (d) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive to  
28 or concurrent with a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this  
29 section.

30 9-305.

1        (a) A person may not, by threat, force, or corrupt means, try to influence,  
2 intimidate, or impede a juror, a witness, or an officer of a court of the State or of the United  
3 States in the performance of the person's official duties.

4        (b) A person may not solicit another person to, by threat, force, or corrupt means,  
5 try to influence, intimidate, or impede a juror, a witness, or an officer of the court of the State  
6 or of the United States in the performance of the person's official duties.

7        (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a person who  
8 violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment  
9 not exceeding [5] 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both.

10        (2) If an act described in subsection (a) of this section is taken in connection  
11 with a proceeding involving a felonious violation of Title 5 of this article or the commission  
12 of a crime of violence as defined in § 14-101 of this article, or a conspiracy or solicitation to  
13 commit such a crime, a person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and on conviction  
14 is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 20 years.

15        (d) A sentence imposed under this section may be separate from and consecutive to  
16 or concurrent with a sentence for any crime based on the act establishing the violation of this  
17 section.

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

19        (a) There is a Task Force to Study Maryland's Criminal Gang Statutes.

20        (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

21        (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
22 the Senate;

23        (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the  
24 House;

25        (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

26        (4) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the  
27 Secretary's designee;

28        (5) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

29        (6) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

30        (7) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

31        (8) a representative of the Maryland Judiciary, appointed by the Chief  
32 Judge of the Court of Appeals;

1           (9) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and  
2 Prevention, or the Executive Director's designee; and

3           (10) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

4           (i) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association;

5           (ii) one representative of local law enforcement agencies;

6           (iii) one representative of the Maryland Retailer's Association;

7           (iv) one representative of the American Civil Liberties Union;

8           (v) one member of the general public;

9           (vi) one representative of Out for Justice;

10           (vii) one academician or researcher with expertise relevant to the work  
11 of the Task Force; and

12           (viii) any other member with expertise relevant to the work of the Task  
13 Force.

14           (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

15           (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for  
16 the Task Force.

17           (e) A member of the Task Force:

18           (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

19           (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
20 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21           (f) The Task Force shall:

22           (1) study existing State prohibitions on criminal gang-related activity and  
23 the efficacy of existing law in being used to obtain criminal convictions against individuals  
24 who engage in criminal gang-related activity; and

25           (2) make recommendations regarding changes to State law to better deter,  
26 prosecute, and punish criminal gang-related activity and persons convicted of gang-related  
27 offenses.

1           (g) On or before June 30, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
3 Article, the General Assembly.

4           SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
5 ~~October~~ June 1, 2018. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and  
6 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2020, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action  
7 required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.