

**HB0824/353527/1**

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 824  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “**Cardin,**” insert “**Conaway,**”; in the same line, after “**Embry,**” insert “**Kaufman, Moon,**”; in line 5, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “, and the renewal period”; in line 13, after “requirement;” insert “requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide;”; after line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Criminal Law

Section 4–104(a), (b), and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)”;

in line 16, strike “4–104(a)(1), (3), and (4), (c), and (d)” and substitute “4–104(d)”; in line 21, strike “5–309” and substitute “5–310”; in line 26, strike the second “and” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after “5–303” insert “, and 5–309”.

On page 2, after line 1, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - Health – General

Section 13–39A–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 39A. Youth Suicide  
Prevention and Firearm Safe Storage”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 6, insert:

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“(2) “Ammunition” means a cartridge, shell, or other device containing explosive or incendiary material designed and intended for use in a firearm.”;

strike beginning with ““Child” in line 7 down through “(4)” in line 8; after line 12, insert:

“(b) This section does not apply if:

(1) the [child’s] MINOR’S access to a firearm is supervised by an individual at least 18 years old;

(2) the [child’s] MINOR’S access to a firearm was obtained as a result of an unlawful entry;

(3) the firearm is in the possession or control of a law enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in official duties; or

(4) the [child] MINOR has a certificate of firearm and hunter safety issued under § 10–301.1 of the Natural Resources Article.”;

in line 14, strike “child” and substitute “MINOR”.

On page 7, in line 20, strike “AN ADULT” and substitute “A PERSON”; in line 21, strike “OR” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after “GUARD” insert “, OR THE UNIFORMED SERVICES”.

On page 11, in line 2, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “2”.

On page 14, after line 12, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

SUBTITLE 39A. YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFE STORAGE.

13-39A-01.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “GUIDE” MEANS THE YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFE STORAGE GUIDE DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES SHALL DEVELOP A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION AND FIREARM SAFE STORAGE GUIDE.

(C) THE GUIDE DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE FIREARM AND AMMUNITION REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 4-104(B)(4) AND (5) OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE;

(2) IDENTIFY THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH UNSAFE FIREARM STORAGE FOR MINORS, INCLUDING:

(I) SUICIDE;

(II) DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY FROM ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE; AND

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**(III) SHOOTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING MINORS; AND**

**(3) INCORPORATE BEST PRACTICES FOR FIREARM AND AMMUNITION SAFE STORAGE.**

**(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

**(1) POST THE GUIDE ON ITS WEBSITE;**

**(2) MAKE AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE GUIDE AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND ANY OTHER ENTITIES THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION OR FIREARMS STORAGE, INCLUDING:**

**(I) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS;**

**(II) THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES;**

**(III) FIREARMS DEALERS LICENSED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT;**

**(IV) LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS;**

**(V) LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS;**

**(VI) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION FACILITIES;**

**(VII) THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF YOUTH SERVICE**

**BUREAUS;**

**(VIII) STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES; AND**

**(IX) THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.**

**SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

**(a) The Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services shall establish a stakeholder advisory committee to make recommendations regarding the development of the youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide under § 13–39A–01 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.**

**(b) The stakeholder advisory committee established under subsection (a) of this section shall include:**

- (1) behavioral health practitioners;**
- (2) experts on best practices for firearm and ammunition storage;**
- (3) families impacted by the risk of suicide by minors;**
- (4) health care professionals; and**
- (5) youth advocates.**

**SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 31, 2024, December 31, 2025, and December 31, 2026, the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on how State and local agencies have distributed the**

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youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide developed under § 13-39A-01 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act.”;

and in lines 13 and 18, strike “2.” and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “5.” and “6.”, respectively.