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By: **Delegates Ebersole, Allen, Feldmark, Forbes, Hill, D. Jones, Moreno, Pasteur, Patterson, Solomon, Stein, Terrasa, and White Holland**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Public Schools – School Security Personnel – Immigration Investigation and~~
3 ~~Enforcement~~

4 Immigration Enforcement – Expanding Sensitive Locations, Notification, and
5 Guidance
6 (Maryland Values Act of 2026)

7 FOR the purpose of requiring certain public school personnel to notify a county
8 superintendent or a county superintendent’s designee if the individual receives
9 certain notification of certain immigration enforcement at a school; prohibiting
10 public school ~~security~~ personnel from engaging in certain ~~federal~~ immigration
11 ~~investigation and enforcement functions~~; prohibiting public school ~~security~~
12 personnel from producing or sharing certain student or employee information for
13 purposes of ~~federal~~ immigration ~~investigation and~~ enforcement, except under certain
14 circumstances; expanding the definition of sensitive locations relating to the
15 definition of a “public school”; expanding the definition of sensitive locations to
16 include certain locations that distribute food to individuals in need; requiring certain
17 courthouses to implement a certain policy; requiring the Attorney General to update
18 certain guidance on or before a certain date each year and certain courthouses, public
19 schools, public libraries, and units of the Executive Branch of State and local
20 government to update certain policies; and generally relating to federal immigration
21 ~~investigation and enforcement in public schools~~ enforcement.

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

23 Article – Criminal Procedure

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 Section 2–104 and 2–104.2
 2 Annotated Code of Maryland
 3 (2025 Replacement Volume)

4 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 5 Article – Education
 6 Section 1–101(a) and (e) and 7–1501(a), (j), and (k)
 7 Annotated Code of Maryland
 8 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

9 BY adding to
 10 Article – Education
 11 Section 7–1508.1
 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
 13 (2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 15 Article – State Government
 16 Section 6–111
 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
 18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

22 2–104.

23 (a) **(1) In this section[, “federal law enforcement”] THE FOLLOWING WORDS**
 24 **HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

25 **(2) “COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §**
 26 **1–101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.**

27 **(3) “JUDICIAL officer” means an officer who may:**

28 **[(1)] (I) make an arrest with or without a warrant for violations of the**
 29 **United States Code; and**

30 **[(2)] (II) carry firearms in the performance of the officer’s duties.**

31 **(4) “SENSITIVE LOCATION” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 6–111 OF**
 32 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

1 (b) (1) Subject to the limitations of paragraph (2) of this subsection, a [federal
2 law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer may:

3 (i) make arrests as set forth in Subtitle 2 of this title; and

4 (ii) execute arrest and search and seizure warrants issued under the
5 laws of the State.

6 (2) A [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer may exercise the powers
7 granted by this subsection when:

8 (i) the [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer is participating
9 in a joint investigation with officials from a State or local law enforcement unit;

10 (ii) the [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer is rendering
11 assistance to a police officer;

12 (iii) the [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer is acting at the
13 request of a local police officer or State Police officer; or

14 (iv) an emergency exists.

15 (c) (1) A [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer who acts under the
16 authority granted by this section shall notify the following persons of an investigation, an
17 enforcement action, or a federal immigration enforcement action at a sensitive location[, as
18 defined in § 6-111 of the State Government Article]:

19 (i) 1. the chief of police, if any, or chief's designee, when in a
20 municipal corporation;

21 2. the police commissioner or police commissioner's designee,
22 when in Baltimore City;

23 3. the chief of police or chief's designee, when in a county
24 with a county police department, except Baltimore City;

25 4. the sheriff or sheriff's designee, when in a county without
26 a county police department;

27 5. the Secretary of Natural Resources or Secretary's
28 designee, when on property owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of the
29 Department of Natural Resources; or

30 6. the chief of police of the Maryland Transportation
31 Authority or chief's designee, when on property owned, leased, operated by, or under the

1 control of the Maryland Transportation Authority, Maryland Aviation Administration, or
2 Maryland Port Administration; and

3 (ii) the Department of State Police barrack commander or
4 commander's designee, unless there is an agreement otherwise with the Department of
5 State Police.

6 (2) When the federal law enforcement officer participates in a joint
7 investigation with officials from a State or local law enforcement unit, the [federal law
8 enforcement] JUDICIAL officer shall give the notice required under paragraph (1) of this
9 subsection reasonably in advance.

10 (3) IF PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL, AS DEFINED IN § 7-1508.1 OF
11 THE EDUCATION ARTICLE, IS NOTIFIED OF IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT, AS
12 DEFINED IN § 6-111 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, IN A SENSITIVE
13 LOCATION THAT INCLUDES A SCHOOL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION,
14 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL SHALL NOTIFY THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF
15 THE AFFECTED SCHOOL OR THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE.

16 (d) A [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL officer who acts under the authority
17 granted by this section:

18 (1) has the same legal status as a police officer;

19 (2) has the same protections as a police officer under § 2-608 of the Courts
20 Article with regard to charging documents against police officers; and

21 (3) has the same immunity from liability described in § 5-611 of the Courts
22 Article.

23 (e) This section does not impose liability on or require indemnification by the
24 State or a local subdivision for an act performed by a [federal law enforcement] JUDICIAL
25 officer under this section.

26 2-104.2.

27 (a) In this section, "sensitive location" has the meaning stated in § 6-111 of the
28 State Government Article.

29 (b) (1) This subsection does not apply to a State or local correctional facility or
30 a detention facility in a District Court or circuit court house.

31 (2) A COURTHOUSE, A public school, a public library, or a unit of the
32 Executive Branch of State or local government that operates at a sensitive location shall
33 deny access to any portion of the sensitive location that REQUIRES A SECURITY

1 SCREENING OR is not accessible to the general public to any individual who is seeking
2 access for the purpose of enforcing federal immigration law, unless:

3 (i) the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal court;
4 or

5 (ii) exigent circumstances exist.

6 Article – Education

7 1–101.

8 (a) In this article, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words have
9 the meanings indicated.

10 (e) “County superintendent” means the county superintendent of schools of a
11 county and includes the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Board of School
12 Commissioners.

13 7–1501.

14 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (j) “School resource officer” means:

16 (1) A law enforcement officer as defined under § 1–101(c) of the Public
17 Safety Article who has been assigned to a school in accordance with a memorandum of
18 understanding between the chief of a law enforcement agency as defined under § 3–201(d)
19 of the Public Safety Article and the local education agency; or

20 (2) A Baltimore City school police officer, as defined in § 4–318 of this
21 article.

22 (k) “School security employee” means an individual, as defined in regulations
23 adopted by the Subcabinet, who:

24 (1) Is not a school resource officer; and

25 (2) Is employed by a local school system to provide safety and
26 security–related services at a public school.

27 **7–1508.1.**

28 (A) **IN THIS SECTION, “PUBLIC SCHOOL ~~SECURITY~~ PERSONNEL” MEANS:**

1 (1) A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, ~~AS DEFINED IN § 7-1501 OF THIS~~
 2 ~~SUBTITLE;~~

3 (2) A SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEE, ~~AS DEFINED IN § 7-1501 OF THIS~~
 4 ~~SUBTITLE; OR~~

5 (3) A PRINCIPAL OR AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL;

6 (4) A TEACHER;

7 (5) A SCHOOL COUNSELOR; OR

8 ~~(3)~~ (6) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO:

9 (I) IS NOT DIRECTLY ASSIGNED TO OR EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC
 10 SCHOOL;

11 (II) HAS NOT COMPLETED THE CENTER'S SCHOOL RESOURCE
 12 OFFICER AND SCHOOL SECURITY EMPLOYEE TRAINING ACADEMY; AND

13 (III) PROVIDES ADEQUATE LAW ENFORCEMENT COVERAGE TO
 14 PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOCAL LAW
 15 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM.

16 (B) PUBLIC SCHOOL ~~SECURITY~~ PERSONNEL MAY NOT:

17 (1) BE USED FOR PURPOSES OF OR OTHERWISE ENGAGE IN ~~FEDERAL~~
 18 ~~IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS UNDER § 287(C) OF~~
 19 ~~THE FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT~~ ENFORCEMENT, AS DEFINED
 20 IN § 6-111 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOL; OR

21 (2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION,
 22 PRODUCE OR SHARE INFORMATION OR A DOCUMENT PERTAINING TO STUDENT
 23 EDUCATIONAL RECORDS OR EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL RECORDS OR ANY OTHER
 24 INFORMATION ABOUT OR FROM A STUDENT, A PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE, OR A
 25 STUDENT'S OR A PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE'S FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD FOR
 26 PURPOSES OF ~~FEDERAL IMMIGRATION INVESTIGATION OR~~ ENFORCEMENT, AS
 27 DEFINED IN § 6-111 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

28 (C) PUBLIC SCHOOL ~~SECURITY~~ PERSONNEL SHALL IMMEDIATELY CONTACT
 29 THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OR THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE
 30 AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEM IF PRESENTED WITH A
 31 ~~VALID:~~

1 C. shelter care; [or]

2 **D. DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED; OR**

3 **[D.] E. access to justice; and**

4 2. as determined by the Attorney General, requires special
5 consideration for immigration enforcement activities.

6 (b) The Attorney General shall develop and publish guidance that informs the
7 public and relevant State agencies about:

8 (1) delineating between immigration enforcement within the public
9 portions of sensitive locations and the nonpublic or private portions of sensitive locations;

10 (2) verifying the identity of immigration enforcement agents and
11 validating immigration enforcement documentation seeking specific individuals;

12 (3) limiting liability exposure for State, local, and private institutions and
13 the participation of the employees of those institutions in immigration enforcement at
14 sensitive locations;

15 (4) facilitating relationships between federal law enforcement officers and
16 State and local officials and law enforcement officers in order to conduct immigration
17 enforcement activities through the least dangerous and disruptive means; and

18 (5) complying with existing legal obligations and limitations on State and
19 local agencies while maintaining public safety and accessibility to those agencies.

20 (c) Private entities are encouraged to adopt policies consistent with the guidance
21 developed under subsection (b) of this section if the private entities provide services related
22 to:

23 (1) physical or mental health;

24 (2) education;

25 (3) shelter care; [or]

26 **(4) DISTRIBUTING FOOD TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED; OR**

27 **[(4)] (5) access to justice.**

28 (d) **(1) On or before October 1, 2025, each public school, public library, and unit**
29 **of the Executive Branch of State or local government that operates at a sensitive location**

1 shall implement a policy consistent with the guidance issued by the Attorney General under
2 this section.

3 **(2) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2026, EACH COURTHOUSE THAT**
4 **OPERATES AT A SENSITIVE LOCATION SHALL IMPLEMENT A POLICY CONSISTENT**
5 **WITH THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION.**

6 **(3) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2026, THE**
7 **ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL UPDATE THE GUIDANCE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION,**
8 **AS NECESSARY, AND IF THE GUIDANCE IS UPDATED EACH COURTHOUSE, PUBLIC**
9 **SCHOOL, PUBLIC LIBRARY, AND UNIT OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE OR LOCAL**
10 **GOVERNMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT A POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDANCE**
11 **ISSUED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION.**

12 (e) The guidance and policies required by this section are not subject to Title 10,
13 Subtitles 1, 2, and 3 of this article.

14 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July~~
15 ~~1, 2026.~~

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
17 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has
18 been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to
19 each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is
20 enacted.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.