

HOUSE BILL 635

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By: **Delegates Haynes, Acevero, Chang, Corderman, Jackson, and McKay**
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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Use of Force De–Escalation Training of Law Enforcement**
3 **Officers – Reports**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement agency to report at a certain
5 interval to the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention on certain policies
6 and procedures related to use of force de–escalation training for its law enforcement
7 officers; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to adopt
8 procedures for the collection, analysis, and compilation of certain use of force
9 de–escalation training information received from a certain law enforcement agency;
10 requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to submit a certain
11 report at a certain interval that compiles certain information received from a certain
12 law enforcement agency; and generally relating to use of force de–escalation training.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Public Safety
15 Section 3–521
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2018 Replacement Volume)

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

20 **Article – Public Safety**

21 **3–521.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” HAS THE MEANING**
23 **STATED IN § 2–101 OF THIS TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, EACH**
2 **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL PROVIDE THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF**
3 **CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION WITH THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**
4 **AGENCY'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ON USE OF FORCE DE-ESCALATION**
5 **TRAINING FOR ITS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, INCLUDING SPECIFIC**
6 **INFORMATION ON:**

7 **(1) WHETHER THE AGENCY REQUIRES OFFICERS TO COMPLETE USE**
8 **OF FORCE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING;**

9 **(2) WHETHER THE AGENCY PROVIDES OFFICERS WITH THE**
10 **OPPORTUNITY TO UNDERGO USE OF FORCE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING;**

11 **(3) THE FREQUENCY WITH WHICH OFFICERS MUST UNDERGO USE OF**
12 **FORCE DE-ESCALATION TRAINING;**

13 **(4) THE NUMBER OF REPORTED INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF**
14 **FORCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND**

15 **(5) WHETHER ANY INCIDENT THAT INVOLVED THE USE OF FORCE BY**
16 **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ENDED IN A FATALITY.**

17 **(C) THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME CONTROL AND PREVENTION**
18 **SHALL:**

19 **(1) ADOPT PROCEDURES FOR THE COLLECTION, ANALYSIS, AND**
20 **COMPILATION OF THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS**
21 **SECTION; AND**

22 **(2) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020, AND EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER,**
23 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE, THE**
24 **SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE JUDICIARY**
25 **COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE**
26 **WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THAT COMPILES THE**
27 **INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.**

28 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**
29 **October 1, 2019.**