

SENATE BILL 213

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By: **Senator Lee**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Victims and Witnesses – Restrictions on Release of**
3 **Personal Information**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a certain person may withhold
5 the address or telephone number of a certain victim, victim’s representative, or
6 witness before a certain trial or adjudicatory hearing; and generally relating to
7 protection of victims and witnesses.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Criminal Procedure

10 Section 6–233(a)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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14 Article – Criminal Procedure

15 Section 11–205

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

20 **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 6-233.

2 (a) In this section, “domestically related crime” means a crime committed by a
 3 defendant against a victim who is a person eligible for relief, as defined in § 4-501 of the
 4 Family Law Article, or who had a sexual relationship with the defendant within 12 months
 5 before the commission of the crime.

6 11-205.

7 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME” HAS THE MEANING
 8 STATED IN § 6-233 OF THIS ARTICLE.

9 (B) On request of the State, a victim of or witness to a ~~felony~~ OR
 10 DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME or delinquent act ~~that would be a felony~~ OR
 11 DOMESTICALLY RELATED CRIME if committed by an adult~~],~~ or a victim’s representative,
 12 a judge, State’s Attorney, District Court commissioner, intake officer, or law enforcement
 13 officer may withhold the address or telephone number of the victim, victim’s representative,
 14 or witness before the trial or adjudicatory hearing in a juvenile delinquency proceeding,
 15 unless a judge determines that good cause has been shown for the release of the
 16 information.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 18 October 1, 2020.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.