

HOUSE BILL 294

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Juvenile Court – Jurisdiction**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions
4 specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to
5 have committed certain acts; and generally relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile
6 court.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 3–8A–03 and 3–8A–27(a)(2)(iv)
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY repealing
13 Article – Criminal Procedure
14 Section 4–202, 4–202.1, 4–202.2, 10–215(a)(20), and 10–216(d)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article – Criminal Procedure
19 Section 10–215(a)(21) through (25)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Education
24 Section 7–303(a)(6)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 3–8A–03.

5 (a) In addition to the jurisdiction specified in Subtitle 8 of this title, the court has
6 exclusive original jurisdiction over:

7 (1) A child who is alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision or who
8 has received a citation for a violation;

9 (2) Except as provided in subsection [(d)(6)] **(D)(3)** of this section, a peace
10 order proceeding in which the respondent is a child; and

11 (3) Proceedings arising under the Interstate Compact on Juveniles.

12 (b) The court has concurrent jurisdiction over proceedings against an adult for
13 the violation of § 3–8A–30 of this subtitle. However, the court may waive its jurisdiction
14 under this subsection upon its own motion or upon the motion of any party to the
15 proceeding, if charges against the adult arising from the same incident are pending in the
16 criminal court. Upon motion by either the State’s Attorney or the adult charged under §
17 3–8A–30 of this subtitle, the court shall waive its jurisdiction, and the adult shall be tried
18 in the criminal court according to the usual criminal procedure.

19 (c) The jurisdiction of the court is concurrent with that of the District Court in
20 any criminal case arising under the compulsory public school attendance laws of this State.

21 (d) The court does not have jurisdiction over:

22 (1) [A child at least 14 years old alleged to have done an act that, if
23 committed by an adult, would be a crime punishable by life imprisonment, as well as all
24 other charges against the child arising out of the same incident, unless an order removing
25 the proceeding to the court has been filed under § 4–202 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

26 (2)] A child at least 16 years old alleged to have done an act in violation of
27 any provision of the Transportation Article or other traffic law or ordinance, except an act
28 that prescribes a penalty of incarceration;

29 [(3)] **(2)** A child at least 16 years old alleged to have done an act in
30 violation of any provision of law, rule, or regulation governing the use or operation of a boat,
31 except an act that prescribes a penalty of incarceration; **OR**

32 [(4) A child at least 16 years old alleged to have committed any of the
33 following crimes, as well as all other charges against the child arising out of the same

1 incident, unless an order removing the proceeding to the court has been filed under §
2 4–202 of the Criminal Procedure Article:

3 (i) Abduction;

4 (ii) Kidnapping;

5 (iii) Second degree murder;

6 (iv) Manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter;

7 (v) Second degree rape;

8 (vi) Robbery under § 3–403 of the Criminal Law Article;

9 (vii) Third degree sexual offense under § 3–307(a)(1) of the Criminal
10 Law Article;

11 (viii) A crime in violation of § 5–133, § 5–134, § 5–138, or § 5–203 of
12 the Public Safety Article;

13 (ix) Using, wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm during and
14 in relation to a drug trafficking crime under § 5–621 of the Criminal Law Article;

15 (x) Use of a firearm under § 5–622 of the Criminal Law Article;

16 (xi) Carjacking or armed carjacking under § 3–405 of the Criminal
17 Law Article;

18 (xii) Assault in the first degree under § 3–202 of the Criminal Law
19 Article;

20 (xiii) Attempted murder in the second degree under § 2–206 of the
21 Criminal Law Article;

22 (xiv) Attempted rape in the second degree under § 3–310 of the
23 Criminal Law Article;

24 (xv) Attempted robbery under § 3–403 of the Criminal Law Article; or

25 (xvi) A violation of § 4–203, § 4–204, § 4–404, or § 4–405 of the
26 Criminal Law Article;

27 (5) A child who previously has been convicted as an adult of a felony and is
28 subsequently alleged to have committed an act that would be a felony if committed by an
29 adult, unless an order removing the proceeding to the court has been filed under § 4–202 of
30 the Criminal Procedure Article; or

1 (6)] (3) A peace order proceeding in which the victim, as defined in §
2 3–8A–01(cc)(1)(ii) of this subtitle, is a person eligible for relief, as defined in § 4–501 of the
3 Family Law Article.

4 (e) If the child is charged with two or more violations of the Maryland Vehicle
5 Law, another traffic law or ordinance, or the State Boat Act, allegedly arising out of the
6 same incident and which would result in the child being brought before both the court and
7 a court exercising criminal jurisdiction, the court has exclusive jurisdiction over all of the
8 charges.

9 3–8A–27.

10 (a) (2) This subsection does not prohibit:

11 (iv) A law enforcement agency of the State or of a political subdivision
12 of the State, when necessary and for the sole purposes of facilitating apprehension of a child
13 and ensuring public safety, from releasing to the public photographs and identifying
14 information of a child who:

15 1. Has escaped from:

16 A. A detention center for juveniles;

17 B. A secure residential facility for juveniles; or

18 C. A correctional unit as defined in § 2–401 of the
19 Correctional Services Article; **OR**

20 2. Is a missing child as defined in § 9–401 of the Family Law
21 Article]; or

22 3. The court does not have jurisdiction over pursuant to §
23 3–8A–03(d)(1), (4), or (5) of this subtitle and who is subject to:

24 A. Arrest; or

25 B. An arrest warrant issued by a criminal court].

26 Article – Criminal Procedure

27 [4–202.

28 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

29 (2) “Victim” has the meaning stated in § 11–104 of this article.

1 (3) “Victim’s representative” has the meaning stated in § 11–104 of this
2 article.

3 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, a court exercising criminal
4 jurisdiction in a case involving a child may transfer the case to the juvenile court before
5 trial or before a plea is entered under Maryland Rule 4–242 if:

6 (1) the accused child was at least 14 but not 18 years of age when the
7 alleged crime was committed;

8 (2) the alleged crime is excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court
9 under § 3–8A–03(d)(1), (4), or (5) of the Courts Article; and

10 (3) the court determines by a preponderance of the evidence that a transfer
11 of its jurisdiction is in the interest of the child or society.

12 (c) The court may not transfer a case to the juvenile court under subsection (b) of
13 this section if:

14 (1) the child was convicted in an unrelated case excluded from the
15 jurisdiction of the juvenile court under § 3–8A–03(d)(1) or (4) of the Courts Article; or

16 (2) the alleged crime is murder in the first degree and the accused child
17 was 16 or 17 years of age when the alleged crime was committed.

18 (d) In determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under subsection (b) of this
19 section, the court shall consider:

20 (1) the age of the child;

21 (2) the mental and physical condition of the child;

22 (3) the amenability of the child to treatment in an institution, facility, or
23 program available to delinquent children;

24 (4) the nature of the alleged crime; and

25 (5) the public safety.

26 (e) In making a determination under this section, the court may order that a
27 study be made concerning the child, the family of the child, the environment of the child,
28 and other matters concerning the disposition of the case.

29 (f) The court shall make a transfer determination within 10 days after the date
30 of a transfer hearing.

1 (g) If the court transfers its jurisdiction under this section, the court may order
2 the child held for an adjudicatory hearing under the regular procedure of the juvenile court.

3 (h) (1) Pending a determination under this section to transfer its jurisdiction,
4 the court shall order the child to be held in a secure juvenile facility unless:

5 (i) the child is released on bail, recognizance, or other conditions of
6 pretrial release;

7 (ii) there is not available capacity in a secure juvenile facility, as
8 determined by the Department of Juvenile Services; or

9 (iii) the court finds that detention in a secure juvenile facility would
10 pose a risk of harm to the child or others.

11 (2) If the court makes a finding under paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection
12 that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a risk of harm to the child or others,
13 the court shall state the reasons for the finding on the record.

14 (i) (1) The provisions of § 3–8A–27 of the Courts Article relating to
15 confidentiality of records apply to all police records and court records concerning the child
16 excluded from the jurisdiction of the juvenile court under § 3–8A–03(d)(1), (4), or (5) of the
17 Courts Article from the time of the child’s arrest until:

18 (i) the time for filing of a motion to transfer to juvenile court under
19 the Maryland Rules has expired and no such motion has been filed; or

20 (ii) a motion to transfer to juvenile court has been denied.

21 (2) If a case is transferred to the juvenile court under this section:

22 (i) the provisions of § 3–8A–27 of the Courts Article relating to
23 confidentiality of records continue to apply to all police and court records concerning the
24 child; and

25 (ii) the criminal charge is subject to expungement under § 10–106 of
26 this article.

27 (j) (1) A victim or victim’s representative shall be given notice of the transfer
28 hearing as provided under § 11–104 of this article.

29 (2) (i) A victim or a victim’s representative may submit a victim impact
30 statement to the court as provided in § 11–402 of this article.

31 (ii) This paragraph does not preclude a victim or victim’s
32 representative who has not filed a notification request form under § 11–104 of this article
33 from submitting a victim impact statement to the court.

1 (iii) The court shall consider a victim impact statement in
2 determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under this section.

3 (k) (1) Regardless of whether the District Court has jurisdiction over the case,
4 at a bail review or preliminary hearing before the District Court involving a child whose
5 case is eligible for transfer under subsection (b) of this section, the District Court:

6 (i) may order that a study be made under the provisions of
7 subsection (e) of this section; and

8 (ii) shall order that the child be held in a secure juvenile facility
9 pending a transfer determination under this section unless:

10 1. the child is released on bail, recognizance, or other
11 conditions of pretrial release;

12 2. there is not available capacity at a secure juvenile facility
13 as determined by the Department of Juvenile Services; or

14 3. the District Court finds that detention in a secure juvenile
15 facility would pose a risk of harm to the child or others.

16 (2) If the District Court makes a finding under paragraph (1)(ii)3 of this
17 subsection that detention in a secure juvenile facility would pose a risk of harm to the child
18 or others, the District Court shall state the reasons for the finding on the record.]

19 [4-202.1.

20 (a) In this section, "child" means a defendant who is under the age of 18 years
21 and whose case is eligible for transfer under the provisions of § 4-202(b)(1) and (2) and (c)
22 of this subtitle.

23 (b) If a child remains in custody for any reason after a bail review hearing:

24 (1) in the case of a child charged with a felony that is not within the
25 jurisdiction of the District Court, the District Court shall:

26 (i) clearly indicate on the case file and in computer records that the
27 case involves a detained child; and

28 (ii) set a preliminary hearing to be held within 15 days after the bail
29 review hearing; or

30 (2) in the case of a child charged with a crime in the District Court, the
31 District Court:

1 (i) shall clearly indicate on the case file and in computer records
2 that the case involves a detained child;

3 (ii) shall set a transfer hearing under § 4–202 of this subtitle to be
4 held within 30 days after the filing of the charging document;

5 (iii) may order that a study be made under § 4–202 of this subtitle;
6 and

7 (iv) shall require that prompt notice be given to counsel for the child,
8 or, if the child is not represented by counsel, to the Office of the Public Defender.

9 (c) On receipt of a District Court case file that indicates that the case involves a
10 child who was detained after a bail review hearing under subsection (b) of this section, a
11 circuit court:

12 (1) unless previously set by the District Court under subsection (b)(2) of
13 this section, shall set a transfer hearing under § 4–202 of this subtitle to be held within 30
14 days after the filing of the charging document in the circuit court;

15 (2) unless previously ordered by the District Court under subsection (b)(2)
16 of this section, may order that a study be made under § 4–202 of this subtitle; and

17 (3) shall require that prompt notice be given to counsel for the child, or, if
18 the child is not represented by counsel, to the Office of the Public Defender.]

19 [4–202.2.

20 (a) At sentencing, a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a case involving a
21 child shall determine whether to transfer jurisdiction to the juvenile court if:

22 (1) as a result of trial or a plea entered under Maryland Rule 4–242, all
23 charges that excluded jurisdiction from the juvenile court under § 3–8A–03(d)(1) or (4) of
24 the Courts Article do not result in a finding of guilty; and

25 (2) (i) pretrial transfer was prohibited under § 4–202(c)(2) of this
26 subtitle; or

27 (ii) the court did not transfer jurisdiction after a hearing under §
28 4–202(b) of this subtitle.

29 (b) In determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under subsection (a) of this
30 section, the court shall consider:

31 (1) the age of the child;

32 (2) the mental and physical condition of the child;

1 (3) the amenability of the child to treatment in an institution, facility, or
2 program available to delinquent children;

3 (4) the nature of the child's acts as proven in the trial or admitted to in a
4 plea entered under Maryland Rule 4-242; and

5 (5) public safety.

6 (c) The court may not consider transferring jurisdiction to the juvenile court
7 under this section if:

8 (1) under the terms of a plea agreement entered under Maryland Rule
9 4-243, the child agrees that jurisdiction is not to be transferred; or

10 (2) pretrial transfer was prohibited under § 4-202(c)(1) of this subtitle.

11 (d) (1) A victim or victim's representative shall be given notice of the transfer
12 hearing as provided under § 11-104 of this article.

13 (2) (i) A victim or victim's representative may submit a victim impact
14 statement to the court as provided in § 11-402 of this article.

15 (ii) This paragraph does not preclude a victim or victim's
16 representative who has not filed a notification request form under § 11-104 of this article
17 from submitting a victim impact statement to the court.

18 (iii) The court shall consider a victim impact statement in
19 determining whether to transfer jurisdiction under this section.

20 (e) (1) If the court transfers its jurisdiction to the juvenile court, the court shall
21 conduct a disposition under the regular procedures of the juvenile court.

22 (2) The record of the hearing and of the disposition shall be transferred to
23 the juvenile court, subject to § 3-8A-27 of the Courts Article.]

24 10-215.

25 (a) The following events are reportable events under this subtitle that must be
26 reported to the Central Repository in accordance with § 10-214 of this subtitle:

27 [(20) an adjudication of a child as delinquent:

28 (i) if the child is at least 14 years old, for an act described in §
29 3-8A-03(d)(1) of the Courts Article; or

30 (ii) if the child is at least 16 years old, for an act described in §

1 3–8A–03(d)(4) or (5) of the Courts Article;]

2 [(21)] (20) the issuance or withdrawal of a writ of attachment by a juvenile
3 court;

4 [(22)] (21) the initial registration of a person under Title 11, Subtitle 7 of
5 this article;

6 [(23)] (22) the imposition of lifetime sexual offender supervision under Title
7 11, Subtitle 7 of this article;

8 [(24)] (23) a finding that a defendant has been convicted of or received a
9 probation before judgment disposition for a domestically related crime under § 6–233 of
10 this article; and

11 [(25)] (24) any other event arising out of or occurring during the course of a
12 criminal proceeding that the Secretary by regulation or the Court of Appeals by rule makes
13 a reportable event.

14 10–216.

15 [(d) (1) This subsection only applies to an adjudication of delinquency of a child:

16 (i) for an act described in § 3–8A–03(d)(1) of the Courts Article if the
17 child is at least 14 years old; or

18 (ii) for an act described in § 3–8A–03(d)(4) or (5) of the Courts Article
19 if the child is at least 16 years old.

20 (2) If a child has not been previously fingerprinted as a result of arrest for
21 the delinquent act, the court that held the disposition hearing of the child adjudicated
22 delinquent shall order the child to be fingerprinted by the appropriate and available law
23 enforcement unit.

24 (3) If the child cannot be fingerprinted at the time of the disposition
25 hearing held under paragraph (2) of this subsection, the court shall order the child to report
26 to a designated law enforcement unit to be fingerprinted within 3 days after making a
27 disposition on an adjudication of delinquency.]

28 **Article – Education**

29 7–303.

30 (a) (6) “Reportable offense” means:

31 (i) A crime of violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law

1 Article;

2 (ii) [Any of the offenses enumerated in § 3-8A-03(d)(4) of the Courts
3 Article;

4 (iii)] A violation of § 4-101, § 4-102, § 4-203, or § 4-204 of the
5 Criminal Law Article;

6 [(iv)] (III) A violation of § 5-602, § 5-603, § 5-604, § 5-605, § 5-606,
7 § 5-607, § 5-608, § 5-608.1, § 5-609, § 5-612, § 5-613, § 5-614, § 5-617, § 5-618, § 5-627,
8 or § 5-628 of the Criminal Law Article;

9 [(v)] (IV) A violation of § 4-503, § 9-504, or § 9-505 of the Criminal
10 Law Article;

11 [(vi)] (V) A violation of § 6-102, § 6-103, § 6-104, or § 6-105 of the
12 Criminal Law Article;

13 [(vii)] (VI) A violation of § 9-802 or § 9-803 of the Criminal Law
14 Article;

15 [(viii)] (VII) A violation of § 3-203 of the Criminal Law Article;

16 [(ix)] (VIII) A violation of § 6-301 of the Criminal Law Article;

17 [(x)] (IX) A violation of § 9-302, § 9-303, or § 9-305 of the Criminal
18 Law Article;

19 [(xi)] (X) A violation of § 7-105 of the Criminal Law Article;

20 [(xii)] (XI) A violation of § 6-202 of the Criminal Law Article; or

21 [(xiii)] (XII) A violation of § 10-606 of the Criminal Law Article.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2022.