

# SENATE BILL 810

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By: ~~Senator King~~ Senators King, Brooks, Harris, Kagan, and M. Washington

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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 the  
17 Attorney General to update certain guidance on or before a certain date each year  
18 and certain public schools, public libraries, and units of the Executive Branch of  
19 State and local government to update certain policies; and generally relating to  
20 federal immigration ~~investigation and enforcement in public schools~~ enforcement.

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – Criminal Procedure

23 Section 2–104 and 2–104.2

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

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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 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

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

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

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

19 Article – Criminal Procedure

20 2–104.

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

23 **(2)** “COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
 24 1–101 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12                  (iv)    an emergency exists.

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

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

19                                 2.     the police commissioner or police commissioner's designee,  
20 when in Baltimore City;

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

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

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

28                                 6.     the chief of police of the Maryland Transportation  
29 Authority or chief's designee, when on property owned, leased, operated by, or under the  
30 control of the Maryland Transportation Authority, Maryland Aviation Administration, or  
31 Maryland Port Administration; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 2-104.2.

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

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

29           (2) A public school, a public library, or a unit of the Executive Branch of  
30 State or local government that operates at a sensitive location shall deny access to any  
31 portion of the sensitive location that **REQUIRES A SECURITY SCREENING OR** is not  
32 accessible to the general public to any individual who is seeking access for the purpose of  
33 enforcing federal immigration law, unless:

1 (i) the individual presents a valid warrant issued by a federal court;  
 2 or

3 (ii) exigent circumstances exist.

4 **Article – Education**

5 1–101.

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

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

11 7–1501.

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

13 (j) “School resource officer” means:

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

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

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

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

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

25 **7–1508.1.**

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

27 (1) A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, ~~AS DEFINED IN § 7–1501 OF THIS~~  
 28 ~~SUBTITLE;~~

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

3           (3) A PRINCIPAL OR AN ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL;

4           (4) A TEACHER;

5           (5) A SCHOOL COUNSELOR;

6           (6) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY A PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR AT LEAST 7  
 7 DAYS EACH SCHOOL YEAR; OR

8           ~~(3)~~ (7) 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(G) 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 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2026, THE**  
4 **ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL UPDATE THE GUIDANCE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION,**  
5 **AS NECESSARY, AND IF THE GUIDANCE IS UPDATED EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL, PUBLIC**  
6 **LIBRARY, AND UNIT OF EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT**  
7 **SHALL IMPLEMENT A POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE**  
8 **ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION.**

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

11 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July~~  
12 ~~1, 2026.~~

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.