

HOUSE BILL 1030

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By: **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of the State Prosecutor – Investigation of Threats – Judges**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Prosecutor to investigate threats against a judge
4 or a judge–elect; and generally relating to the investigation of threats by the Office
5 of the State Prosecutor.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Criminal Law
8 Section 3–708
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Criminal Procedure
13 Section 14–107
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2025 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Criminal Law**

19 3–708.

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

21 (2) “Local official” means an individual serving in a publicly elected office
22 of a local government unit, as defined in § 10–101 of the State Government Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (vi) a criminal offense related to voting in a municipal election under
2 § 4–108.1 of the Local Government Article; AND

3 (VII) A VIOLATION OF § 3–708 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE
4 IF THE VIOLATION WAS COMMITTED AGAINST A JUDGE OR JUDGE–ELECT.

5 (2) The State Prosecutor may not investigate an offense alleged to have
6 been committed by the State Prosecutor or a member of the State Prosecutor’s staff.

7 (3) The State Prosecutor may investigate an alleged offense under
8 paragraph (1) of this subsection on the State Prosecutor’s own initiative or on request of:

9 (i) the Governor;

10 (ii) the Attorney General;

11 (iii) the General Assembly;

12 (iv) the State Ethics Commission; or

13 (v) a State’s Attorney.

14 (4) An individual who is advised by the State Prosecutor that the
15 individual is under investigation under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection may release
16 this information to the public, as well as any results of the investigation that pertain to the
17 individual.

18 (b) On request of the Governor, the Attorney General, the General Assembly, or
19 a State’s Attorney, the State Prosecutor may investigate criminal activity that is
20 committed:

21 (1) partly in the State and partly in another jurisdiction; or

22 (2) in more than one political subdivision of the State.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2026.