

**HB0336/633728/1**

BY: Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 336  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Young**” and substitute “**Young, Simmons, Taylor, Davis, Cardin, Moreno, Moon, and Woods**”; in line 2, strike “**Commissioners and False Statements**” and substitute “**- Issuance of Summonses and Arrest Warrants**”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “unit;” in line 6 and substitute “authorizing a District Court commissioner to issue a summons based on an application for a statement of charges filed by a certain individual under certain circumstances; prohibiting a District Court commissioner from issuing an arrest warrant based on an application for a statement of charges filed by a certain individual; requiring a District Court commissioner to refer a certain summons to the State’s Attorney’s office for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; requiring a State’s Attorney to review a certain case at a certain time for a certain purpose; authorizing a judge of the District Court or a judge of the circuit court to convert a summons to an arrest warrant on a certain finding; requiring the District Court to provide victims of crime with access to certain information; requiring the Maryland Judiciary to annually report certain information to the General Assembly;”; strike beginning with “District” in line 6 down through “statements” in line 7 and substitute “issuance of summonses and arrest warrants by the District Court”; and strike in their entirety lines 13 through 17, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

Section 2–607.1 and 2–607.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 22, strike “On” and substitute “SUBJECT TO § 2-607.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE, ON”; in line 27, strike the brackets; strike in their entirety lines 28 through 30, inclusive; in line 31, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “3.”.

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

“2-607.1.

(A) ON REVIEW OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES SUBMITTED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A POLICE OFFICER OR A STATE’S ATTORNEY, A DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER:

(1) MAY ISSUE A SUMMONS, IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE OFFENSE OR OFFENSES CHARGED IN THE CHARGING DOCUMENT;

(2) MAY NOT ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT; AND

(3) SHALL REFER AN APPLICATION FOR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES FOR WHICH A SUMMONS WAS ISSUED UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE FOR REVIEW AND A PROMPT DETERMINATION OF WHETHER A REQUEST FOR AN ARREST WARRANT SHALL BE MADE, IF THE DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT POSES A DANGER TO ANOTHER PERSON OR TO THE COMMUNITY.

(B) ON RECEIPT OF AN APPLICATION FOR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(3) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE’S ATTORNEY SHALL REVIEW THE CASE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE BUT NOT LATER THAN 72 HOURS

AFTER RECEIPT TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO REQUEST THAT A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OR A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT ISSUE AN ARREST WARRANT.

(C) ON A FINDING OF GOOD CAUSE, A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT OR A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT MAY CONVERT A SUMMONS TO AN ARREST WARRANT.

(D) THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL INFORM A VICTIM OF CRIME WHETHER CHARGES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN RESPONSE TO AN APPLICATION FOR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES FILED BY THE VICTIM.

2-607.2.

ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2027, AND EACH MARCH 1 THEREAFTER, THE MARYLAND JUDICIARY SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE FOLLOWING DATA FOR THE PRECEDING CALENDAR YEAR, DISAGGREGATED BY COUNTY, AND BY THE RACE, SEX, AND AGE OF DEFENDANTS:

(1) THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR A STATEMENT OF CHARGES FILED, INCLUDING:

(I) WHETHER THE APPLICATION WAS FILED BY THE POLICE, A STATE'S ATTORNEY, OR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL; AND

(II) FOR EACH TYPE OF APPLICANT, WHETHER THE APPLICATION WAS DENIED, RESULTED IN THE ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS, OR RESULTED IN THE ISSUANCE OF AN ARREST WARRANT; AND

(Over)

**(2)    FOR EACH SUMMONS AND ARREST WARRANT ISSUED:**

**(I)    WHETHER THE ARREST WARRANT WAS ISSUED BY A  
JUDGE OR A COMMISSIONER;**

**(II)   WHETHER THERE WAS A REQUEST TO RECALL THE  
SUMMONS OR ARREST WARRANT AND, IF SO, THE RESULT OF THE REQUEST; AND**

**(3)    THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE.”**

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 6 through 16, inclusive.