

# HOUSE BILL 1629

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By: **Delegate Clippinger**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office of the Attorney General – Firearm Crime – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of the Attorney General to study and identify  
4 certain information relating to certain firearm crimes; requiring all State and local  
5 law enforcement agencies and other governmental units to provide the Office of the  
6 Attorney General with certain information; requiring the Office of the Attorney  
7 General to report certain findings and conclusions to the Governor and the General  
8 Assembly on or before certain dates; defining a certain term; providing for the  
9 termination of this Act; and generally relating to crimes involving firearms.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That:

12 (a) In this section, “firearm crime” means a crime of violence, as defined in §  
13 5–101 of the Public Safety Article, involving the use of a firearm.

14 (b) The Office of the Attorney General shall:

15 (1) study information regarding firearm crimes committed in the State  
16 since August 1, 2015, including:

17 (i) the number and types of firearm crimes;

18 (ii) the jurisdictions where the firearm crimes occurred; and

19 (iii) 9–1–1 requests for emergency assistance involving firearm  
20 crimes; and

21 (2) identify, for each 9–1–1 request for emergency assistance involving a  
22 firearm crime:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) the jurisdiction;

2 (ii) whether any arrests were made and, if so, the age of each  
3 individual arrested;

4 (iii) whether any charges were filed and, if so, the specific crimes  
5 charged, disposition of each charge, and the age of each individual charged; and

6 (iv) the type of firearm recovered and whether the firearm had a  
7 serial number.

8 (c) All State and local law enforcement agencies and other governmental units  
9 shall provide the Office of the Attorney General with any and all information necessary to  
10 complete the study.

11 (d) (1) On or before December 1, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General shall  
12 report its findings and conclusions with regard to firearm crimes committed from August  
13 1, 2015, through July 31, 2019, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the  
14 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

15 (2) On or before December 1, 2022, the Office of the Attorney General shall  
16 report its findings and conclusions with regard to firearm crimes committed from August  
17 1, 2019, through July 31, 2021, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the  
18 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
20 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 7 months and, at the end of  
21 December 31, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall  
22 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.