

# SENATE BILL 1027

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By: **Senator Klausmeier (By Request)**

Introduced and read first time: March 1, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Law – Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults – Notice of Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a copy of a report alleging abuse or neglect of a vulnerable  
4 adult to be provided to a certain person in a certain manner; and generally relating  
5 to the reporting of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Criminal Law  
8 Section 3–606  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

### 13 **Article – Criminal Law**

14 3–606.

15 (A) If a State or local unit receives a report of present or past abuse or neglect of  
16 a vulnerable adult, an investigation shall be conducted in accordance with:

17 (1) § 7–1005 of the Health – General Article if the adult has a  
18 developmental disability as defined in § 7–101 of the Health – General Article;

19 (2) § 10–705 of the Health – General Article if the adult is in a facility as  
20 defined in § 10–101 of the Health – General Article;

21 (3) § 19–346 or § 19–347 of the Health – General Article if the adult is a  
22 resident of a related institution as defined in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   (4) §§ 14–301 through 14–309 of the Family Law Article if the adult does  
2 not meet the criteria of item (1), (2), or (3) of this [section] SUBSECTION.

3                   **(B) A COPY OF AN INITIAL REPORT OF ALLEGED ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A**  
4 **VULNERABLE ADULT MADE TO A STATE OR LOCAL UNIT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY THE**  
5 **STATE OR LOCAL UNIT TO THE INDIVIDUAL ALLEGED TO HAVE COMMITTED THE**  
6 **ABUSE OR NEGLECT VIA CERTIFIED MAIL OR SOME OTHER MEANS REASONABLY**  
7 **CALCULATED TO PROVIDE ACTUAL NOTICE.**

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2019.