

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
Legislative Session 2014, Legislative Day No. 7

Bill No. 20-14

Mrs. Cathy Bevins, Councilwoman

By the County Council, April 7, 2014

A BILL
ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Recreation ~~and Parks~~ Councils – Background Checks

FOR the purpose of requiring ~~that certain individuals or volunteers at the Director of Recreation and Parks programs or activities be subject to a criminal history records check and other reasonable inquiry into their background; identifying the specific criminal to establish a policy regarding background records checks for certain volunteers at sanctioned Recreation Council programs and events; authorizing the policy to identify the specific offenses that would disqualify participation in a program or activity; permitting the Department to adopt regulations event; and generally relating to the Department of Recreation and Parks background checks for certain volunteers at sanctioned programs and events of the Recreation Councils.~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
 [Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
 ~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill.
 Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

BY adding

Sections 30-3-101 ~~through 30-3-103~~ and 30-3-102

Article 30 - Recreation and Parks

Title 3 - Background Checks

Baltimore County Code, 2003

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Laws of Baltimore County shall read as follows:

1 Title 3. Background Checks.

2 § 30-3-101.

3 THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE IS TO:

4 (1) ENSURE THE SAFETY OF MINOR PARTICIPANTS IN SANCTIONED
5 RECREATION AND PARKS COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND ~~ACTIVITIES~~ EVENTS; AND

6 (2) PROMOTE PEACE OF MIND TO ALL PERSONS THAT PARTICIPATE IN
7 SANCTIONED RECREATION AND PARKS COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND ~~ACTIVITIES~~
8 EVENTS, INCLUDING PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF MINOR CHILDREN, THAT
9 CERTAIN ~~INDIVIDUALS AND~~ VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN SCREENED WITH A ~~CRIMINAL~~
10 ~~HISTORY~~ BACKGROUND CHECK.

1 § 30-3-102.

2 ~~(a) — ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2015, THE DIRECTOR SHALL, IN (A)(1) IN~~
3 ~~CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF LAW, THE BOARD OF RECREATION AND~~
4 ~~PARKS, IMPLEMENT AND ADOPT A BACKGROUND CHECK AND~~
5 ~~REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CERTIFIED RECREATION COUNCILS, THE DIRECTOR~~
6 ~~SHALL ESTABLISH A POLICY AND PROCESS THAT PROVIDES OR REQUIRES A~~
7 ~~CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK, AND OTHER REASONABLE INQUIRY INTO~~
8 ~~THE BACKGROUND, BACKGROUND RECORDS CHECK OF ANY INDIVIDUAL OR~~
9 ~~REGISTERED VOLUNTEER WITH PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT, INTERACTION,~~
10 ~~CARE, CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF CHILDREN, AS A CONDITION OF THE~~
11 ~~INDIVIDUAL'S OR VOLUNTEER'S PARTICIPATION IN ANY PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY~~
12 ~~SPONSORED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR WHO INTERACTS WITH CHILDREN IN ANY~~
13 ~~PROGRAM OR EVENT SANCTIONED BY A CERTIFIED RECREATION COUNCIL.~~

14 (2) THE BACKGROUND CHECK SHALL BE REQUIRED AS A CONDITION OF
15 PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM OR EVENT.

16 (3) THE POLICY ESTABLISHED BY THE DIRECTOR SHALL COMMENCE NO
17 LATER THAN JULY 1, 2015.

18 ~~(b) — THIS POLICY SHALL (B) AT A MINIMUM, THE POLICY REQUIRED UNDER~~
19 ~~THIS TITLE MAY IDENTIFY THE SPECIFIC CRIMINAL OFFENSES (MISDEMEANOR~~
20 ~~AND FELONY) AND ANY OTHER OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CHARGE AND/OR OR~~
21 ~~CONVICTION WOULD DISQUALIFY AN INDIVIDUAL OR A VOLUNTEER FROM~~

1 PARTICIPATING IN ~~YOUTH PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES~~ EVENTS SANCTIONED BY
2 THE RECREATION COUNCILS, AND SHALL INDICATE WHETHER THE
3 DISQUALIFICATION IS PERMANENT OR FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME.

4 ~~§ 30-3-103:~~

5 ~~THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS~~
6 ~~OF THIS TITLE.~~

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, that this Act shall take effect 45 days
8 from the date of its enactment.

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