

# SENATE BILL 508

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By: **Senators Hough, Cassilly, King, Lee, Ramirez, Raskin, Waugh, and Ready**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Children – Child Care Facilities, Public Schools, and Nonpublic Schools –**  
3 **Contractors and Subcontractors**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain county boards of education and certain nonpublic  
5 schools from ~~allowing certain individuals to hire or retain~~ hiring or retaining certain  
6 individuals who have been convicted of certain crimes; requiring certain contracts to  
7 provide that certain contractors or subcontractors for certain nonpublic schools and  
8 certain local school systems may not knowingly assign employees to work on school  
9 premises with certain access to children if the employee has been convicted of certain  
10 crimes; adding certain contractors and subcontractors who have certain access to  
11 certain children to the list of individuals required to obtain a certain criminal history  
12 records check; amending a certain definition of “employee” to include certain  
13 contractors and subcontractors who have certain access to certain children; making  
14 certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to contractors and subcontractors  
15 who work with or have access to children.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Education  
18 Section 2–206.1 and 6–113  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
22 Article – Family Law  
23 Section 5–560(a) and (d) and 5–561(b)

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

3 BY adding to  
4 Article – Family Law  
5 Section 5–561(a)  
6 Annotated Code of Maryland  
7 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
9 Article – Family Law  
10 Section 5–561(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 2–206.1.

17 (a) A nonpublic school that is subject to the requirements of this title may not hire  
18 or retain ~~{any employee}~~ ~~AN INDIVIDUAL OR ALLOW A CONTRACTOR OR~~  
19 ~~SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE NONPUBLIC SCHOOL TO HIRE OR RETAIN AN INDIVIDUAL~~  
20 who works with or has access to students and who the school knows has been convicted of  
21 a crime involving:

22 (1) An offense under § 3–307 OR § 3–308 of the Criminal Law Article OR  
23 AN OFFENSE UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A  
24 VIOLATION OF § 3–307 OR § 3–308 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE IF COMMITTED  
25 IN THE STATE;

26 (2) Child sexual abuse under § 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article, or an  
27 offense under the laws of another state that would constitute child sexual abuse under §  
28 3–602 of the Criminal Law Article if committed in this State; or

29 (3) A crime of violence as defined in § 14–101 of the Criminal Law Article,  
30 or an offense under the laws of another state that would be a violation of § 14–101 of the  
31 Criminal Law Article if committed in this State.

32 (B) A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRACT SHALL PROVIDE THAT A  
33 CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR FOR THE SCHOOL MAY NOT KNOWINGLY ASSIGN  
34 AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON SCHOOL PREMISES WITH DIRECT, UNSUPERVISED, AND  
35 UNCONTROLLED ACCESS TO CHILDREN, IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF  
36 A CRIME IDENTIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.



1 (2) "Employee" includes a person who:

2 (i) participates in a pool described in subsection (e)(2) of this section;

3 (ii) for compensation will be employed on a substitute or temporary  
4 basis to work in a facility identified in § 5-561(b)(1) or (2) of this subtitle; and

5 (iii) will care for or supervise children in the facility or will have  
6 access to children who are cared for or supervised in the facility.

7 (3) "Employee" does not include any person employed to work for  
8 compensation by the Department of Juvenile Services.

9 5-561.

10 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, "EMPLOYEE" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §  
11 5-560 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

12 (2) "EMPLOYEE" INCLUDES A CONTRACTOR OR A SUBCONTRACTOR  
13 WHO HAS DIRECT, UNSUPERVISED, AND UNCONTROLLED ACCESS TO CHILDREN.

14 [(a)] (A-1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, an employee and  
15 employer in a facility identified in subsection (b) of this section and individuals identified  
16 in subsection (c) of this section shall apply for a national and State criminal history records  
17 check at any designated law enforcement office in this State or other location approved by  
18 the Department.

19 (b) The following facilities shall require employees and employers to obtain a  
20 criminal history records check under this Part VI of this subtitle:

21 (1) a child care center required to be licensed under Part VII of this  
22 subtitle;

23 (2) a family child care home or large family child care home required to be  
24 registered under Part V of this subtitle;

25 (3) a child care home required to be licensed under this subtitle or under  
26 Title 9 of the Human Services Article;

27 (4) a child care institution required to be licensed under this subtitle or  
28 under Title 9 of the Human Services Article;

29 (5) a juvenile detention, correction, or treatment facility provided for in  
30 Title 9 of the Human Services Article;

31 (6) a public school as defined in Title 1 of the Education Article;

1 (7) a private or nonpublic school required to report annually to the State  
2 Board of Education under Title 2 of the Education Article;

3 (8) a foster care family home or group facility as defined under this subtitle;

4 (9) a recreation center or recreation program operated by the State, a local  
5 government, or a private entity primarily serving minors;

6 (10) a day or residential camp, as defined in Title 10, Subtitle 16 of the Code  
7 of Maryland Regulations, primarily serving minors; or

8 (11) a home health agency or residential service agency licensed by the  
9 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and authorized under Title 19 of the Health –  
10 General Article to provide home– or community–based health services for minors.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2015.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.