

Chapter 417

(House Bill 1138)

AN ACT concerning

Criminal Procedure – Charging or Arrest of Minor – Notification of Parent or Guardian

FOR the purpose of requiring a certain law enforcement officer who charges a minor with a criminal offense to make a reasonable attempt to notify the minor's parent or guardian of the charge; requiring a certain law enforcement officer or the officer's designee who takes a minor into custody to make a reasonable attempt to notify the minor's parent or guardian of the arrest within a certain time period; and generally relating to notification of a parent or guardian of the charging or arrest of a minor.

BY adding to

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 2–108

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

Article – Criminal Procedure

2–108.

(A) A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO CHARGES A MINOR WITH A CRIMINAL OFFENSE SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR OF THE CHARGE.

(B) IF A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TAKES A MINOR INTO CUSTODY, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR THE OFFICER'S DESIGNEE SHALL MAKE A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF THE MINOR WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE ARREST OF THE MINOR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

Approved by the Governor, May 2, 2012.