

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-002-2026

Chapter No. 1

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Fisher

Introduced by Council Members Fisher, Oriadha, Hunter, Adams, Olson, Ivey, Dernoga, Adams-Stafford, Harrison, and Burroughs

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction March 10, 2026

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning
2 Missing Persons Within the County—DaCara Rose’s Law
3 For the purpose of prohibiting any mandatory waiting period before taking a missing person
4 report; requiring prompt acceptance of missing person reports; requiring public-facing notice that
5 no waiting period is imposed; providing for implementation by written policy; and generally
6 relating to missing person reports and law enforcement practices in Prince George’s County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

8 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.
9 Section 18-123,
10 The Prince George's County Code
11 (2023 Edition; 2025 Supplement).

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
13 Maryland, that Section 18-123 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
14 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

15 SUBTITLE 18. POLICE.
16 DIVISION 4. MISCELLANEOUS POLICE MATTERS.

17 Sec. 18-123. [Reserved] Missing Persons; DaCara Rose’s Law.

18 (a) Definitions. In this Section:

19 (1) Law enforcement agency means:

20 (A) the Prince George’s County Police Department; and

1 (B) any incorporated municipality’s police department operating within
2 Prince George’s County.

3 (2) **Missing person report** means a report made to a law enforcement agency that
4 a person’s whereabouts are unknown to the reporting party and the circumstances indicate the
5 person may be missing.

6 (A) including any report that would be accepted pursuant to the Annotated
7 Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, Section 3-601.

8 **(b) Mandatory waiting period prohibited; acceptance without delay.**

9 (1) A law enforcement agency shall not establish, require, or enforce any
10 mandatory waiting period before taking a missing person report.

11 (2) A law enforcement agency shall accept without delay a missing person report
12 offered in person.

13 (3) A law enforcement agency may accept a missing person report by telephone
14 or other electronic means if consistent with the law enforcement agency’s written policy,
15 provided that the reporting person completes the report in person as soon as practicable if
16 required by policy.

17 **(c) Public Notice.** Each law enforcement agency shall make reasonable efforts to inform
18 the general public and the family of a potential missing person that the agency does not impose a
19 mandatory waiting period before taking a missing person report. Law enforcement agencies shall
20 also make a public campaign specifically tailored to assist missing black women and girls.

21 **(d) Written Policy.** Each law enforcement agency shall maintain a written policy
22 consistent with this Section and with Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article,
23 Section 3-601.

24 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
25 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
26 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
27 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
28 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
29 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
30 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
31 or section.

1 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
2 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 7th day of April, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: Krystal Ori
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Donna J. Brown
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: 4/7/2026 BY: Aisha Braveboy
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County Executive

KEY:

Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.

Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.

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