

Scorecard on Quantifiable Safety Indicators 2025 Letter

State Government Article, Section 9-3602(b)

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy

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RE: State Government Article § 9-3602(b) (MSAR #15075)

Dear Governor Moore, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with § 9-3602(b) of the State Government Article, which requires the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (Office) to create a scorecard of quantifiable safety measures for inclusion in its annual report, please accept this letter as fulfillment of the requirement report.

Section 9-3602(b) of the State Government Article requires the Office to create, for inclusion in its annual report, a scorecard of quantifiable measures that include:

- i. Crime statistics for violent crime and property crime as reported in the Uniform Crime Reports or the National Incident-Based Reporting System, including:
 - Murder;
 - Rape;
 - Robbery;
 - Aggravated assault;
 - Breaking and entering;
 - Larceny or theft; and
 - Motor vehicle theft;
- ii. Crime clearance rates for the crimes included under item (i) of this paragraph;
- iii. The portion of committed crimes not reported to law enforcement as estimated based on the National Crime Victimization Survey or other sources;
- iv. Indicators of safety and fairness in the criminal justice system in the State, including:
 - The number of serious assaults on staff and inmates committed in State correctional facilities;
 - Police use of force statistics;

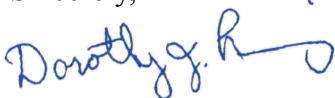
- The number of law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty;
 - Disparity in traffic stops, arrests, convictions, and sentencing by race and ethnicity; and
 - Available surveys of public trust in policing and the criminal justice system in the State; and
- v. Indicators of the underlying factors and conditions affecting progress towards a safer State, including:
- Unemployment rates by age, gender, race, ethnicity, and region;
 - School dropout rates;
 - Population density and degree of urbanization;
 - Percentage of residents below the federal poverty threshold;
 - Median household income; and
 - Access to mental health, behavioral health, and addiction treatment.

It also requires the Office to determine appropriate indicators for the scorecard in coordination with the Maryland State Police, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Office of the Attorney General, the Maryland Department of Labor, the Maryland State Department of Education, the Maryland Department of Health, and the Department of Human Services.

Following the enactment of § 9-3602(b) of the State Government Article, the Office gathered information from various web-accessible sources and submitted a report on January 24, 2024.¹ The Office also partnered with the Maryland Crime Research and Innovation Center (MCRIC), located within the University of Maryland, to develop the required quantifiable safety indicator scorecard and identify agencies with ownership of the required data. On June 15, 2024, the Office entered into a two-year contract with MCRIC to create the scorecard. Since this time, MCRIC completed the first phase of the contract which established the foundation of the project. Specifically, MCRIC expanded the strategic planning team, reviewed existing indicators and best practices, and convened an advisory group of Maryland-based public safety researchers. In September 2025, MCRIC informed the Office that the second phase is underway to select quantifiable indicators and systematically collect data to guide the development of the scorecard. MCRIC anticipates the completion of the scorecard by July 2026. Once the scorecard is available, the Office will include all requirements identified by § 9-3602(b) of the State Government Article in its annual *Maryland's Comprehensive State Crime Control and Prevention Plan* to ensure data measures and ongoing strategies for the State are captured in one location.

Should you have any questions relating to the information provided, please feel free to contact me at 410-697-9338.

Sincerely,



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¹ Department of Legislative Services. (2024). *2023 Annual Report and Scorecard on Quantifiable Safety Indicators*. [https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCOPYVS/SG9-3602\(b\)_2023.pdf](https://dlslibrary.state.md.us/publications/Exec/GOCOPYVS/SG9-3602(b)_2023.pdf)

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