

# House Bill 814

## Law Enforcement Fact Sheet



House Bill 814 which was passed in the 2024 Legislative Session goes into effect November 1, 2024. Below are the key changes that specifically impact the Maryland Department of Juvenile Service's work with law enforcement entities statewide.



### CUSTODY REQUIREMENTS

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*If a child is taken into custody, pursuant to the law, the law enforcement officer shall:*

Complete and forward a written complaint or citation to DJS by

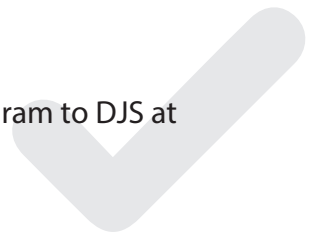
- In person at the local DJS office where the alleged incident occurred OR sent electronically to the local DJS office's delegated intake inbox.
- **NOTE:** After hours police reports should be sent to Centralized Intake at [DJS.CentralizedIntake@maryland.gov](mailto:DJS.CentralizedIntake@maryland.gov) for processing if an officer wants to request detention

**OR**

Complete and forward a written report to DJS at [djs.diversion@maryland.gov](mailto:djs.diversion@maryland.gov) indicating no further action was taken.

*If a child was referred to a diversion program, the officer shall:*

Complete and forward a written report including the identified diversion program to DJS at [djs.diversion@maryland.gov](mailto:djs.diversion@maryland.gov)



### UNDER 13 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT

#### Under 13 Motor Vehicle Theft

*Law enforcement officers are now **REQUIRED** to forward a complaint to DJS to file a CINS petition if:*

- Officer alleges that a child under 13 committed a motor vehicle theft. Officers shall utilize their region-specific instructions laid out on the Children in Need of Supervision Complaint Process Fact Sheet.

*Please ensure ALL POLICE REPORTS include the necessary identifying information for the:*

- Young person
- Young person's parent/guardian/custodian
- Victim
- Referring law enforcement officer

**Necessary identifying information includes:**

- Name
- Date of Birth (only required for the young person, parent/guardian/custodian, and victim)
- Address
- Phone Number
- Email Address

