

HOUSE BILL 1408

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CF SB 758

By: **Delegate Bridges**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Criminal Procedure – Live Video Streaming of Public Proceedings**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the court to make available to the public live video streaming
4 of all public proceedings for criminal cases involving a crime of violence; prohibiting
5 a certain live video streaming from depicting a jury; and generally relating to live
6 video streaming of certain court proceedings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Criminal Procedure
9 Section 1–201
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

15 1–201.

16 (a) (1) Except as provided in [subsection] **SUBSECTIONS (b) AND (C)** of this
17 section, a person may not record or broadcast any criminal matter, including a trial,
18 hearing, motion, or argument, that is held in trial court or before a grand jury.

19 (2) This prohibition applies to the use of television, radio, and photographic
20 or recording equipment.

21 (b) Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the use of electronic or
22 photographic equipment approved by the court:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) to take the testimony of a child victim under § 11–303 of this article;
[or]

(2) to perpetuate a court record; OR

**(3) TO STREAM LIVE VIDEO IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C) OF
THIS SECTION.**

**(c) (1) THE COURT SHALL MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC LIVE VIDEO
STREAMING OF ALL PUBLIC PROCEEDINGS FOR CRIMINAL CASES INVOLVING A
CRIME OF VIOLENCE UNDER § 14–101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE.**

**(2) A JURY MAY NOT BE VISIBLE IN A LIVE VIDEO STREAMING UNDER
THIS SUBSECTION.**

(D) A person who violates this section may be held in contempt of court.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
October 1, 2022.