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## Firearms Legislation Passed During 2024 Maryland General Assembly Session Effective July 1, 2024

In accordance with Public Safety Article §5-147(b), The Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP) is providing the following summary of each new law or change to each existing law pertaining to firearms that was passed by the General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session, held January 9- April 8, 2024. The law requires this summary to be provided to each email address on file with the MDSP, that is associated with the purchaser or transferee of a regulated firearm or a person who has registered a regulated firearm with the Department, within 45 days after the General Assembly adjourns Sine Die in a legislative session. Additionally, a notification will be sent 30 days prior to the effective date of any act.

The following list of bills with references to "Firearms" passed by the Maryland General Assembly during the 2024 legislative session all have an effective date of July 1, 2024.

### **HB0416 - Public Schools - Active Shooter Safety Drills or Trainings - Requirements**

This bill prohibits active shooter drills or trainings in schools from including specified activities that may be traumatic for students or school personnel. It also requires local school systems to (1) notify parents in advance of active shooter drills or trainings in schools; (2) provide mental health follow-up to students and school personnel after an active shooter drill or training; and (3) collect data on the effectiveness and psychological impact of the drills or trainings and report the data to the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS) for further analysis. Finally, the bill requires MCSS to develop and distribute model content regarding the State's firearm storage laws, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

### **HB1167 - Maryland Center for School Safety - Secure Schools Emergency Response Grant Program - Established**

This bill establishes the Secure Schools Emergency Response Grant Program in the Maryland Center for School Safety (MCSS). The purpose of the program is to provide grants to local school systems to improve emergency notification systems and communication between public elementary and secondary school personnel, a public safety answering point (PSAP), and a public safety agency during emergency events. Local school systems that apply for and receive grants must use the funds to

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improve emergency notification systems or enhance communications within the school and with public safety agencies. By September 1, 2026, MCSS must ensure that the program is operating and available to each local school board. The Governor may include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for the program. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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