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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County – Courts – Remote Public Access to Bail Review**
3 **Hearings**

4 **PG 302–26**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring each court in Prince George’s County to provide remote
6 audio–visual access to bail review hearings, except under certain circumstances; and
7 generally relating to remote access to bail review hearings.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1–101
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
15 Section 1–206
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

4 1–101.

5 (a) In this title the following words or terms have the meanings indicated.

6 (b) “Circuit court” means the circuit court for a county.

7 (c) “Court” means the Supreme Court of Maryland, Appellate Court of Maryland,
8 circuit court, and District Court of Maryland, or any of them, unless the context clearly
9 requires a contrary meaning. It does not include an orphans’ court, or the Maryland Tax
10 Court.

11 (d) “Judge” means a judge of a court.

12 **1–206.**

13 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

14 **(B) EACH COURT SHALL PROVIDE REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS FOR BAIL**
15 **REVIEW HEARINGS, UNLESS A HEARING IS DEEMED CLOSED, CONFIDENTIAL, OR**
16 **RESTRICTED BY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW.**

17 **(C) UNLESS THERE IS AN OVERRIDING PUBLIC INTEREST COMPELLING**
18 **DISCLOSURE, A PRESIDING JUDGE MAY PROHIBIT THE BROADCAST OF ANY PORTION**
19 **OF A HEARING ON THE REQUEST OF ANY PARTY, WITNESS, OR COUNSEL INVOLVED**
20 **IN THE HEARING.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2026.