

## Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

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GARY W. McLHINNEY ASSISTANT SECRETARY I am writing to inform you that the Maryland General Assembly passed Senate Bill (SB) 807 during the 2020 Legislative Session. This bill impacted Criminal Procedure Article § 11-929 and requires law enforcement personnel to follow-up with victims of sexual assault in accordance with practices recommended by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission.

At the July 8, 2020 meeting of the Police Training and Standards Commission, the attached practices were approved. These practices are considered recommended practices and your agency is encouraged to follow them.

Please note, SB 807 also requires each law enforcement agency to adopt a policy to enforce provisions of the changes made to the Criminal Procedures Article § 11-929. A copy of the policy is to be submitted to the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee by January 15, 2021.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Albert L. Liebno, Jr. Executive Director

Attachment