

a facility and the offender resided, before the offender was committed to the custody of a supervising authority, in a municipal corporation that has a police department, a local law enforcement agency with which a child sexual offender registers or sends a change in registration under this section shall send a copy of the registration statement or change in registration to the police department of the municipal corporation.

(k) A child sexual offender who knowingly fails to register as required by this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment in the penitentiary for not more than 3 years or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 27, § 692B of the Code.

There are no changes.

793. RAPE CRISIS PROGRAMS.

(a) (1) The General Assembly finds and declares that an increasing number of rape and sexual offense victims in Maryland do not have access to necessary counseling and follow-up services. The General Assembly further finds that several areas of the State have extremely limited support services to assist an alleged victim of rape and other sexual offenses.

(2) The intention of this section is to provide for rape crisis programs which will serve to address the special needs of a rape victim.

(b) (1) The Department of Human Resources shall assist in the establishment of rape crisis programs in this State.

(2) The programs shall be developed and located in areas of the State to facilitate the use of the program by alleged victims residing in the surrounding area.

(3) The programs shall provide specialized support services to the alleged victims, both adults and children, of rape and sexual offenses.

(4) The programs shall include a hotline and counseling service.

(c) The Department of Human Resources may enter into a contract with public or private nonprofit organizations to operate the programs.

(d) Funds for the programs shall be as provided in the annual State budget and shall be used to supplement, but not supplant, funds that the programs receive from other sources.

(e) The annual report of the Secretary to the General Assembly shall include a report on the rape crisis program.

DRAFTER'S NOTE: This section is transferred from Art. 88A, § 130 of the Code.

There are no changes.

794. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION — SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICIES.

EACH INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A WRITTEN POLICY ON SEXUAL ASSAULT AS REQUIRED UNDER § 11-701 OF THE EDUCATION ARTICLE.