

**TOWSON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
CRIMINAL HISTORY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,
AUTHORIZATION, WAIVER AND RELEASE**

Student: _____ Student ID No.: _____

Please read carefully

As a prerequisite to the placement of education majors in field experiences, the Code of Maryland Regulations requires students to complete the following Criminal History Disclosure Statement. Students are also required to update the information contained in this Disclosure Statement based on any changes in or additions to their criminal history until the time they graduate or otherwise cease their enrollment at Towson University.

Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty to *nolo contendere* with respect to, or received probation before judgment with respect to a crime against children, in Maryland or any other jurisdiction?

As defined in Article 27, §35C of the Annotated Code of Maryland, a crime against children includes child abuse and sexual abuse of a child (see reverse side of this page). **YOU NEED NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST YOU THAT HAVE BEEN EXPUNGED.**

_____ No _____ Yes

Have you ever been convicted of, pled guilty or *nolo contendere* with respect to, or received probation before judgement with respect to, a crime of violence?

Crimes of violence are defined in Article 27, §643B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (see reverse side of this page). **YOU NEED NOT PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST YOU THAT HAVE BEEN EXPUNGED.**

_____ No _____ Yes

If your answer to either of the preceding questions is **yes**, please explain fully – attach explanation to this statement, specifying the nature and date of the offenses(s), the name and location of the court(s) and the disposition(s), or outcome(s), including the sentences(s) imposed, if any.

I hereby declare and affirm under penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing Disclosure Statement are true and correct and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

I understand that I am obligated, and hereby agree, to update the information contained in the Disclosure Statement based on any changes in or additions to my criminal history until such time that I graduate or otherwise cease my enrollment at Towson University. I also understand that the failure fully and accurately to

complete and update the Disclosure Statement could result in action being taken against me, including removal from a field placement and/or dismissal from Towson University.

I hereby authorize Towson University and its agents, employees, and representatives to investigate, utilize and disseminate the Disclosure Statement, and any information contained therein or derived therefrom, for any and all purposes associated with my field placement and educational profession in the State of Maryland or any other jurisdiction.

By my signature below, I hereby release, waive, discharge and exonerate Towson University and its agent, employees and representatives from any and all liability, loss, claims and/or damages of every nature and kind arising out of, or in any way related to, the Disclosure Statement, the information contained therein or derived therefrom, and the investigation, dissemination, or use thereof.

(Signature)

Printed Name of Student

Date

Local Address:

Local Phone Number:

§643B. Mandatory sentences for crimes of violence.

(2) Crime of violence defined; correctional institutional defined. - As used in this section, the term crime of violence means abduction; arson in the first degree; kidnapping; manslaughter, except involuntary manslaughter; mayhem and maiming, as previously proscribed under §§ 384, 385, and 386 of this article; murder rape; robbery; robbery with a deadly weapon; carjacking or armed carjacking; sexual offense in the first degree; sexual offense in the second degree; use of a handgun in the commission of a felony or other crime of violence; and attempt to commit any of the aforesaid offenses; assault in the first degree; and assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the first degree, and assault with intent to commit a sexual offense in the second degree, as these crimes were previously proscribed under former § 12 of this article.

The terms correctional institution includes Patuxent Institution and a local or regional jail or detention center.

§35C. Causing abuse to child.

- (A) Definitions.
- (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) Abuse means:
 - (i) The sustaining of physical injury by a child as a result of cruel or inhumane treatment or as a result of a malicious act by any parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member, under circumstances that indicated that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened thereby; or
 - (ii) Sexual abuse of a child, whether physical injuries are sustained or not.
- (3) Child means any individual under the age of 18 years.
- (4) Family member means a relative of a child by blood, adoption, or marriage.
- (5) Household member means a person who lives with or is a regular presence in a home of a child at the time of the alleged abuse.
- (6) (i) Sexual abuse means any act that involves sexual molestation or exploitation of a child by a parent or other person who has permanent or temporary care or custody or responsibility for supervision of a child, or by any household or family member.
 - (ii) Sexual abuse includes, but is not limited to:
 - 1. Incest, rape, or sexual offense in any degree;
 - 2. Sodomy; and
 - 3. Unnatural or perverted sexual practices.