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- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) (1) “Chief” means the head of a law enforcement agency.
(2) “Chief” includes the officer designated by the head of a law enforcement agency.
- (c) (1) “Hearing” means a proceeding during an investigation conducted by a hearing board to take testimony or receive other evidence.
(2) “Hearing” does not include an interrogation at which no testimony is taken under oath.
- (d) “Hearing board” means a board that is authorized by the chief to hold a hearing on a complaint against a law enforcement officer.
- (e) (1) “Law enforcement officer” means an individual who:
 - (i) in an official capacity is authorized by law to make arrests; and
 - (ii) is a member of one of the following law enforcement agencies:
 1. the Department of State Police;
 2. the Police Department of Baltimore City;
 3. the Baltimore City School Police Force;
 4. the Baltimore City Watershed Police Force;
 5. the police department, bureau, or force of a county;
 6. the police department, bureau, or force of a municipal corporation;
 7. the office of the sheriff of a county;
 8. the police department, bureau, or force of a bicounty agency;
 9. the Maryland Transportation Authority Police;
 10. the police forces of the Department of Transportation;
 11. the police forces of the Department of Natural Resources;

12. the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office;
13. the Housing Authority of Baltimore City Police Force;
14. the Crofton Police Department;
15. the police force of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
16. the police force of the Department of General Services;
17. the police force of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
18. the police forces of the University System of Maryland;
19. the police force of Morgan State University;
20. the office of State Fire Marshal;
21. the Ocean Pines Police Department;
22. the police force of the Baltimore City Community College;
23. the police force of the Hagerstown Community College;
24. the Internal Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
25. the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Division of Parole and Probation in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; or
26. the police force of the Anne Arundel Community College.

(2) "Law enforcement officer" does not include:

- (i) an individual who serves at the pleasure of the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City;
- (ii) an individual who serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority of a charter county;
- (iii) the police chief of a municipal corporation;
- (iv) an officer who is in probationary status on initial entry into the law enforcement agency except if an allegation of brutality in the execution of the officer's duties is made;
- (v) a Montgomery County fire and explosive investigator as defined

in § 2–208.1 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(vi) an Anne Arundel County or City of Annapolis fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.2 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(vii) a Prince George’s County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.3 of the Criminal Procedure Article;

(viii) a Worcester County fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.4 of the Criminal Procedure Article; or

(ix) a City of Hagerstown fire and explosive investigator as defined in § 2–208.5 of the Criminal Procedure Article.

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