

## Article - Public Safety

§4-501.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Adjusted assessed valuation of real property” means the sum of:
  - (1) 100% of the assessed valuation of the operating real property of public utilities;
  - (2) 40% of the assessed valuation of all other real property for State purposes, as reported by the Department of Assessments and Taxation as of July 1 of the second fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the calculation of State aid is to be made; and
  - (3) 20% of new property assessed between July 1 and December 31 of the second preceding fiscal year.
- (c) “Aggregate expenditures for police protection” means the sum of expenditures for police protection of a county and of every qualifying municipality in the county.
- (d) “County” does not include Baltimore City.
- (e) “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention.
- (f) (1) “Expenditures for police protection” means expenses for the fiscal year immediately preceding the fiscal year for which the calculation of State aid under this subtitle is to be made for:
  - (i) salaries, wages, and other operating expenses for police protection;
  - (ii) capital outlays from current operating funds for police protection;
  - (iii) debt service identifiable for police protection;
  - (iv) officers of a sheriff’s office to the extent that the officers perform police protection functions; and
  - (v) traffic control, park police, and a share of the cost of a central alarm system proportionate to its police use.
- (2) “Expenditures for police protection” does not include expenses for collecting from or servicing parking meters or constructing or operating local correctional facilities.

- (g) “Fund” means the State Aid for Police Protection Fund.
- (h) (1) “Municipality” means an incorporated city or town.  
 (2) “Municipality” does not include Baltimore City.
- (i) “Net taxable income” means the taxable income of individuals under Title 10 of the Tax – General Article, as certified by the Comptroller for the third completed calendar year preceding the fiscal year for which the calculation of State aid is to be made.
- (j) “Qualified police officer” means a police officer that the Executive Director determines to be qualified under § 4–504(d) of this subtitle.
- (k) “Qualifying municipality” means a municipality that:
  - (1) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$5,000; and  
 (ii) employs at least one full–time qualified police officer; or
  - (2) (i) has expenditures for police protection that exceed \$80,000; and  
 (ii) employs at least two part–time qualified police officers from a county police department or county sheriff’s department.
- (l) “Real property” means all property classified as real property under § 8–101(b) of the Tax – Property Article.
- (m) “Sworn officer” means:
  - (1) a law enforcement officer certified by the Police Training Commission;
 or
  - (2) a full–time probationary employee of a local government who:
    - (i) is hired to attend a police training academy to become a certified law enforcement officer; and
    - (ii) is in training or is functioning as a law enforcement officer pending training.
- (n) “Wealth base” means the sum of the adjusted assessed valuation of real property and net taxable income.