

HOUSE BILL 1018

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By: **Delegates Morgan and Clark**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2019

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County – Public Safety – Special Police Officers Pilot Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing in St. Mary's County a Special Police Officers Pilot
4 Program; authorizing the St. Mary's County Sheriff's Office to apply for the
5 appointment of special police officers to protect certain property of another
6 governmental body under certain circumstances; requiring the St. Mary's County
7 Sheriff's Office to submit certain information regarding the pilot program to the
8 County Commissioners of St. Mary's County; providing for the termination of this
9 Act; and generally relating to the St. Mary's County Special Police Officers Pilot
10 Program.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 3–303
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume)

16 BY adding to
17 Article – Public Safety
18 Section 3–303.1
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Public Safety**

24 3–303.

25 (a) The following entities may apply for the appointment of special police officers

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 for the following purposes:

2 (1) a municipal corporation, county, or other governmental body of the
3 State, in order to protect property owned, leased, or regularly used by the governmental
4 body or any of its units;

5 (2) another state, or subdivision or unit of another state, that has an
6 interest in property located wholly or partly in this State, in order to protect the property;

7 (3) a college, university, or public school system in the State, in order to
8 protect its property or students; or

9 (4) a person that exists and functions for a legal business purpose, in order
10 to protect its business property.

11 (b) The applicant for a commission shall be at least 18 years old.

12 (c) The Secretary may require training and education for special police officers as
13 the Secretary considers necessary.

14 **3-303.1.**

15 (A) **THERE IS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS PILOT PROGRAM IN ST.**
16 **MARY'S COUNTY.**

17 (B) **IN ADDITION TO THE APPOINTMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 3-303 OF**
18 **THIS SUBTITLE, THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, WITH THE WRITTEN**
19 **CONSENT OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODY, MAY APPLY FOR THE APPOINTMENT**
20 **OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS IN ORDER TO PROTECT PROPERTY OWNED, LEASED,**
21 **OR REGULARLY USED BY THE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODY.**

22 (C) **ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, AND EACH SEPTEMBER 1**
23 **THEREAFTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY SHERIFF'S**
24 **OFFICE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S**
25 **COUNTY THAT INCLUDES:**

26 (1) **THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED UNDER**
27 **THIS SECTION;**

28 (2) **WHERE SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED UNDER THIS**
29 **SECTION; AND**

30 (3) **THE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED BY SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**
31 **UNDER THIS SECTION.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September
3 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
4 abrogated and of no further force and effect.