

# HOUSE BILL 221

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HB 666/22 – JUD

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By: **Delegate Grammer**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2023

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Quotas**  
3 **(Community–Oriented Policing Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a prohibition against using the number of arrests made or  
5 citations issued by a law enforcement officer as a criterion for the promotion,  
6 demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer; prohibiting law enforcement agencies  
7 from requesting or directing certain actions by a law enforcement officer; and  
8 generally relating to law enforcement quotas.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Public Safety  
11 Section 3–504(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article – Public Safety  
16 Section 3–504(b)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

21 **Article – Public Safety**

22 3–504.

23 (a) In this section, “quota” means the mandating of a finite number of arrests  
24 made or citations issued that a law enforcement officer must meet in a specified time period.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) A law enforcement agency may not:

2 (1) establish a formal or informal quota for the law enforcement agency or  
3 law enforcement officers of the agency; [or]

4 (2) use the number of arrests made or citations issued by a law enforcement  
5 officer as [the sole or primary] A criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer  
6 of the officer; **OR**

7 **(3) REQUEST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS OR DIRECT AN OFFICER TO**  
8 **ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS OR ARRESTS**  
9 **DELIVERED BY THE OFFICER.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2023.