

Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr. Chairman and

Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Chief David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee

Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee

Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 11, 2020

RE: SB 314 – Juveniles Charged as Adults – Confidentiality of Records

POSITION: Support With Amendments

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 314 WITH AMENDMENTS.

MCPA and MSA worked with the Office of the Public Defender regarding amendments to this bill last year. With those amendments as passed out of the Senate, MCPA and MSA removed its opposition and supported the bill. When comparing this legislation with the bill from last year, MCPA and MSA found two stipulations missing in the section dealing with the release of a photograph – 3-8A-27(a)(2)(iv).

- Is the subject of a judicially issued warrant; and
- Is subject to the arrest for a crime or an act that would be a crime if committed by an adult.

MCPA and MSA has shared this matter with the Office of the Public Defender and hope to work with them and the Committee on amendments to this effect.

For this reason, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT SB 314 WITH AMENDMENTS and urge a FAVORABLE report with the language specified above.