



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 4, 2020

Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill: HB 301 – Task Force on Missing Persons

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 301. This bill establishes a Task Force on Missing Persons. The State agencies represented on the task force must provide staff for the task force. The task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2021.

Over ninety municipalities currently have law enforcement agencies and appreciate any additional assistance and training they receive as they carry out their duties. Conducting searches for missing persons is part of the responsibilities of all law enforcement agencies. This task force, which includes a seat for a representative of the Maryland Municipal League, would study best practices regarding conducting searches for missing persons and will make recommendations regarding changes or improvements that should be made in the system for conducting searches for missing persons.

For these reasons, the League supports HB 301 and respectfully requests that the committee report the bill favorably.

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