

# **MCPA-MSA\_SB 585 Warrant Apprehension Reduction Gra**

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# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Honorable William Smith, Jr., Chair and  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

**FROM:** Chief of Staff 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 23, 2022

**RE:** **SB 585 – Warrant Apprehension Reduction**

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) SUPPORT SB 585. This bill requires the Governor to include \$2,000,000 in the annual budgets for 2024 through 2026 for local law enforcement agencies to be used as grants for warrant apprehension efforts.

One of the most dangerous aspects of a law enforcement officers' job, swiftly and safely executing warrants to apprehend wanted criminals is a vital component to providing for the public's safety. Whereas the number of outstanding warrants for specific crimes vary by agency, law enforcement often works together to serve these warrants.

The program created by SB 585 will provide additional needed resources to assist law enforcement agencies with serving warrants to ensure that criminals, especially violent criminals, are locked up so that they cannot cause any additional harm to the individuals and/or the communities that they have already victimized.

For this reason, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT 585 and urge a FAVORABLE Committee report.

# Testimony for SB 585.pdf

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 585**  
**Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant**

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I write to urge you to **support** Senate Bill 585. In efforts to reduce the vast number of outstanding warrants, as well as increase efficiency and coordination amongst Maryland's local law enforcement, State agencies, and federal agencies, I propose grants for warrant apprehension reduction.

Currently, there is an increased need to lower the number of warrants in the State of Maryland, especially outstanding warrants for violent crimes. Furthermore, this task requires expanded and integrated cooperation between local law enforcement, State, and federal agencies. These efforts call for increased funding. By requiring the Governor to appropriate \$2.0 million in the annual budget bills for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, the funds needed to support these warrant apprehension initiatives will be allocated. Under the proposed bill, grant funds will be administered by The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS) to law enforcement agencies for limited uses—which are specifically and narrowly centered upon reducing warrants and increasing collaborative practices amongst the interrelated agencies. As a means of transparency and accountability, law enforcement agencies that receive grants are mandated to submit information to GOCPYVS's Executive Director, pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

By requiring the appropriation of warrant apprehension grant funds in future annual budget bills, the General Assembly will be making considerable steps towards efficiently pursuing non-violent and violent offenders, which will contribute to the decrease of crimes within our State. The provision of warrant apprehension grant funds will support efficient practices within our law enforcement and counterpart agencies—benefitting Maryland altogether.

If enacted, Senate Bill 585 will take effect on July 1, 2022, and the Governor will be required to modify the annual budget bills for FY '24 through '26 to include the funds for this specific grant allocation.

In support of these efforts, I urge you to give a favorable report of Senate Bill 585.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cory V. McCray

State Senator, 45<sup>th</sup> District

# **SB0585 - 2.23.22 -- Warrant Apprehension Reduction**

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# POSITION STATEMENT

## TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

### SENATE BILL 585 – Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant Sponsor – Senator McCray

February 23, 2022

**DONALD C. FRY**  
**PRESIDENT & CEO**  
**GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE**

#### **Position: Support**

Senate Bill 585 would include an annual appropriation of \$2 million in fiscal years 2024 through 2026 for local law enforcement agencies to be used as grants for warrant apprehension efforts. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services will administer the funding. Local law enforcement may use the funds to reduce the inventory warrants in the agency's jurisdiction; increase coordination and cooperation between local law enforcement and state and federal agencies regarding outstanding warrants; and reduce the number of outstanding warrants related to violent crimes.

The level of violence in the state, and in particular Baltimore City, is unacceptable and substantive changes are required to improve public safety and ensure economic vitality and competitiveness and increase the feeling of security among Maryland citizens. Improving public safety has been identified by the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) as a key economic growth issue that needs to be urgently addressed.

The GBC has recommended a two-pronged approach to reduce violent crime. The first prong addresses crime control through enhanced public safety programs focused on repeat violent offenders and better coordination among law enforcement agencies. The second prong - crime prevention - must be instituted simultaneously with the crime control efforts. It is critically important to address the root societal causes of crime with programs that address poverty, lack of employment, need for job training programs, and an increase in after-school programs, etc. The GBC backs these types of initiatives with the same weight afforded the crime control strategies.

Senate Bill 585 provides another tool to law enforcement to deal with the scourge of violent crime. By providing additional funding for warrant apprehension efforts, local law enforcement will be better able to get the most violent offenders off the streets.

**For these reasons, the Greater Baltimore Committee urges a favorable report on Senate Bill 585.**

*The Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) is a non-partisan, independent, regional business advocacy organization comprised of hundreds of businesses -- large, medium and small -- educational institutions, nonprofit organizations and foundations located in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties as well as Baltimore City. The GBC is a 67-year-old, private-sector membership organization with a rich legacy of working with government to find solutions to problems that negatively affect our competitiveness and viability.*

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**MARYLAND**  
*Association of*  
**COUNTIES**

## Senate Bill 585

### *Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Judicial Proceedings and  
Budget and Taxation Committees

Date: February 23, 2022

From: D'Paul Nibber

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** SB 585. This bill would require the State to provide \$2,000,000 in grants to local law enforcement agencies to execute warrants each year from fiscal years 2024 through 2026.

Criminal activity is at elevated levels throughout the state. County law enforcement officials have noted that much of this crime is being committed by individuals with outstanding warrants for their address. To clear these outstanding warrants, additional resources are needed. This bill would assist counties with needed initiatives including regional coordination between agencies and compensation for stretched SWAT units.

SB 585 ensures public safety by supporting county law enforcement in the apprehension of potentially violent criminals. For this reason, MACo **SUPPORTS** SB 585 and urges a **FAVORABLE** report.

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February 23, 2022

Chair William C. Smith, Jr.  
Vice Chair Jeff Waldstreicher  
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee  
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Annapolis, MD 21401

## **Senate Bill 585 - Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant**

### **Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:

The Administration supports Senate Bill 585 - Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant. This legislation would provide grant funding that would enable local law enforcement agencies to reduce warrants in the agency's jurisdiction, increase coordination and cooperation between local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies regarding outstanding warrants, and ultimately reduce the number of outstanding warrants related to violent crimes and create safer streets in our communities. The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services would administer the grants. We would like to thank the sponsor for his sponsorship of this legislation and for acknowledging effective solutions that align with our shared goals of reducing violent crime and removing violent offenders from our streets.

Local law enforcement agencies are responsible for executing warrants for arrest that are ordered by the court. It is imperative that our law enforcement agencies have the resources necessary to apprehend individuals who have open warrants out for their arrest, and we must prioritize the arrest of violent offenders to better ensure the safety of our neighborhoods. By providing additional resources and encouraging more collaboration across all levels of law enforcement, we will be able to address open warrants in a timely manner. The Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant will serve the goal of fostering safer communities by prioritizing the most violent offenders and criminal organizations.

Just last week, Governor Hogan joined the U.S. Marshall for the District of Maryland, Mayor of Baltimore, and Baltimore Police Commissioner to announce the results of "Operation Washout II," which resulted in the arrests of over 100 individuals with outstanding warrants for violent crimes and the closure of more than 200 open warrants during a two week period. Numerous similar warrant apprehension sweeps have been conducted through the Governor's term in office. These collaborations include state, local, and federal officers, and highlights the successful work that can be accomplished when we are laser-focused on reducing violent crime.

The Hogan Administration is committed to assisting local jurisdictions with warrant apprehension, and does so with the Warrant Apprehension Unit within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; partnerships between the Department of Juvenile Services and the Baltimore City Police Department Warrant Apprehension Task Force; and the

Maryland State Apprehension Team within the Maryland State Police (MSP). Recently, the Baltimore Police Department finally began providing MSP, Maryland's finest law enforcement agency, with Part 1 offense warrants, which provides an effective partnership to remove the violent offenders terrorizing communities in the City.

Public safety remains a top priority for Governor Hogan, and this bill provides another tool in the toolbox as we seek to effectively reduce violent crime and protect our communities. This bill also aligns well with the Governor's Re-Fund The Police initiative, which is aimed at providing much-needed support and resources to state and local police agencies in their efforts to fight violent crime.

For these reasons, the Administration supports Senate Bill 585 and respectfully requests a favorable report. For additional details, please contact Erin Chase, Deputy Legislative Officer, at 410-974-3336 or [erin.chase1@maryland.gov](mailto:erin.chase1@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Keiffer J. Mitchell, Jr.  
Chief Legislative Officer

**Final SB 585 BPD Support.pdf**

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# BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Brandon M. Scott**  
Mayor

**Michael S. Harrison**  
Police Commissioner

TO: The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., Director of Government Affairs, Baltimore Police Dept.

RE: Senate Bill 585 Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant

DATE: February 23, 2022

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

Chair Smith, Vice-Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore Police Department **supports** Senate Bill 585.

Senate Bill 585 requires the Governor to include \$2,000,000 in the annual budgets for 2024 through 2026 for local law enforcement agencies to be used as grants for warrant apprehension efforts. Local law enforcement can use the grants that will be administered through the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth and Victim Services, to reduce warrants in the agency's jurisdiction; increase coordination and cooperation between local law enforcement and state and federal agencies regarding outstanding warrants; and to reduce the number of outstanding warrants related to violent crimes. Agencies that receive a grant under this program must report to the GPCPYS the following information: proof of the expenditure of the grant funds and the purposes for which the funds were expended; total warrants in the jurisdiction by type of warrant and related offense; total number of warrants reduced and suspects apprehended, delineated by offense as well as any related out-come based performance measures required.

Swiftly and safely executing warrants to apprehend wanted criminals is a vital component to providing for the public's safety. The program created by this bill will provide additional much-needed resources to those agencies, like the Baltimore Police Department, who need assistance serving warrants to ensure that criminals, especially violent criminals, are locked up so that they cannot cause any additional harm to the individuals and/or the communities that they have already victimized.

Therefore, the Baltimore Police Department respectfully requests a **favorable** report on Senate Bill 585.

# **SB 585 Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant (McCra**

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## **SENATE BILL 585 Warrant Apprehension Reduction Grant (McCray)**

### **STATEMENT OF INFORMATION**

**DATE: February 23, 2022**

**COMMITTEE: Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** SB 585 mandates an annual appropriation in the amount of \$2 million in FY 24, FY 25, FY 26 to be used as grants to local law enforcement agencies for warrant apprehension efforts; and designates the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer funds for the grants.

**EXPLANATION:** The Department of Budget and Management's focus is not on the underlying policy proposal being advanced by the legislation, but rather on the aggregate \$6 million mandated appropriation provision, which impacts the FY 2024, FY 2025, and FY2026 budgets.

DBM has the responsibility of submitting a balanced budget to the General Assembly annually, which will require spending allocations for FY 2024 to be within the official revenues estimates approved by the Board of Revenue Estimates in December 2022.

Changes to the Maryland Constitution in 2020 provide the General Assembly with additional budgetary authority, beginning in the 2023 Session, to realign total spending by increasing and adding items to appropriations in the budget submitted by the Governor. The legislature's new budgetary power diminishes, if not negates, the need for mandated appropriation bills.

Fully funding the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future (Kirwan) will require fiscal discipline in the years ahead, if the State is to maintain the current projected structural budget surpluses. Mandated spending increases need to be reevaluated within the context of this education funding priority and the Governor's tax relief proposals.

Economic conditions remain precarious as a result of COVID-19. High rates of inflation and workforce shortages may be short lived or persist, thereby impacting the Maryland economy. While current budget forecasts project structural surpluses, the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to present a significant budgetary vulnerability. The Department continues to urge the General Assembly to focus on maintaining the structural budget surplus.

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