



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and
Members of the Judiciary 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: March 29, 2022

RE: **SB 585 – Public Safety - Warrants and Absconding**

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 SB 585** and urge a **FAVORABLE** Committee report.