



MARYLAND
Association of
COUNTIES

Senate Bill 585

Public Safety - Warrants and Absconding

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Judiciary Committee

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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.