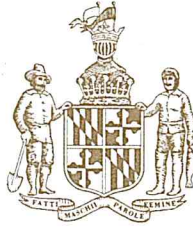


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***PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF –
DUTIES AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS***

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

MARCH 30, 2023

Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon, and Committee Members:

Senate Bill 191 is a very straightforward bill that increases from four to five the number of assistant sheriffs provided in the office of the Sheriff of Prince George's County.

This legislation comes as a direct effort by the new Prince George's County Sheriff to better and more efficiently adhere to the police accountability and transparency efforts that were passed by the General Assembly in 2021, as the primary responsibility of this new assistant sheriff position would be relating to in-house accountability matters. The other substantive change created by this legislation would simply create a more efficient means to serve the public as the Office of the Sheriff would be enabled to investigate domestic violence calls to which they already respond.

As someone who once served in the capacity of the Prince George's County Sheriff, I have a keen interest in the success of this office and I strongly believe that this legislation would allow the Sheriff and the agency to better serve the public.

For the reasons listed above, I ask for a favorable report of Senate Bill 191.