



SB26
Labor and Employment – Occupational Safety and Health
(Davis Martinez Public Employee Safety and Health Act)

MCAA Position: **SUPPORT WITH
AMENDMENT**

TO: Appropriations

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The Maryland Correctional Administrator’s Association (MCAA), an organization comprised of our statewide jail wardens and administrators for promoting and improving best correctional practices, appreciates the opportunity to provide information regarding SB26.

It is MCAA’s understanding that body-worn cameras for Corrections are proposed to be added to this bill like HB 176. Below is an excerpt:

“(C) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY. (2) A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY MAY NOT BE REQUIRED TO ADOPT THE USE OF BODY–WORN CAMERAS BY CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS. (3) IF A LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY ADOPTS THE USE OF BODY–WORN CAMERAS, THE LOCAL CORRECTIONAL FACILITY SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN A WRITTEN POLICY CONSISTENT WITH THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE USE OF BODY–WORN CAMERAS.”

Additionally request to add (C), which applies only to local detention centers, to add (4) A policy developed and maintained under paragraph (1) of this subsection is not subject to collective bargaining.

Not all local detention centers have unions, so collective bargaining does not apply.

The Maryland Correctional Administrators Association would **Support with Amendment SB26.**