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BILL NO.: **SB 533**

TITLE: Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing
 Administrative Charges

SPONSOR: Senator William G. Folden

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 25, 2025

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 533 – Public Safety - Police Accountability - Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges. This bill will provide long-awaited clarification on the Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 (MPAA) when a law enforcement agency is required to file administrative charges arising out of an investigation against an officer. The legislation presents a deadline within one year and one day after the date the agency became aware of the incident and creates a uniform process for internal and external investigations.

In some circumstances when an officer may be/is simultaneously under criminal and administrative investigation, the criminal case will not conclude within one year and one day, thereby denying the Administrative Charging Committee (ACC) the ability to review all available evidence. The legislation will ensure that administrative cases are reviewed by the ACC, within the one year and one day deadline from the conclusion of the criminal matter.

Senate Bill 533 provides administrative solutions for the local Police Accountability Boards. Accordingly, Baltimore County urges a **FAVORABLE** report on Senate Bill 533 from the House Judiciary Committee. For more information, please contact Amanda Kontz Carr, Legislative Officer for Government Affairs at acarr@baltimorecountymd.gov.