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Senate Bill 298

**Department of General Services – Maryland Capitol Police –
Statewide Jurisdiction**

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For the record, I am Shaneka Henson, representing District 30 in Anne Arundel County and member of the JPR Committee

I am pleased to present Senate Bill 298 - Department of General Services – Maryland Capitol Police - Statewide Jurisdiction.

This bill provides for the DGS to enhance their statewide jurisdiction over and full police authority for the enforcement of criminal laws, and the parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection for:

- (1) State-owned or State-leased buildings and grounds and extending to the surrounding area that encompasses 2,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings, and
- (2) other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by BPW.

The purpose in extending this role is to improve overall improve law enforcement capabilities and enhancing the overall capacity of the MCP for greater security of state-owned and leased properties – and broaden the MCP’s partnering role with other state and local enforcement organizations.

With us today to explain move about the legislation and answer questions are Secretary Chaudhry and Deputy Chief of Police Glend McGuire. After hearing the information, I respectfully urge a favorable report of the committee.