



Maryland Chiefs of Police Association Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable William C. Smith Jr., Chair and
Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 5, 2026

RE: **SB 298 - Department of General Services - Maryland Capitol Police - Statewide
Jurisdiction**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 298**. We see the Maryland Capitol Police as partners, and this bill clarifies and expands the authority of the Maryland Capitol Police to carry out their public safety responsibilities. This legislation recognizes the important role the Capitol Police play in protecting State facilities, officials, employees, and visitors, and provides clear statutory authority to perform their duties as needed in the interest of public safety.

Maryland's Police Chiefs and Sheriffs value strong coordination and mutual respect among all law enforcement agencies. We trust the Maryland Capitol Police to exercise the responsibilities outlined in this bill professionally and in coordination with local and State law enforcement partners.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 298** and respectfully urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.