A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Washington County – Police Administrative Charging Committee

FOR the purpose of providing for the composition of an administrative charging committee for Washington County; and generally relating to the police administrative charging committee for Washington County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Public Safety
Section 3–104(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Public Safety

3–104.

(a) (1) Each county shall have one administrative charging committee to serve countywide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies within the county.

(2) A county administrative charging committee shall be composed of:

(i) the chair of the county’s police accountability board, or another member of the accountability board designated by the chair of the accountability board;

(ii) two civilian members selected by the county’s police accountability board; and
(iii) two civilian members selected by the chief executive officer of the county.

(3) (I) **THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**


(III) **THE MEMBER DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH:**

1. **SHALL BE PRESENT FOR ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE COMPLAINT;**

2. **MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE; AND**

3. **MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY VOTE OR DECISION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022, the effective date of Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021. If the effective date of Chapter 59 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of Chapter 59.