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House Bill 666
Judiciary

(Delegate Grammer)

Law Enforcement - Quotas

This bill prohibits a law enforcement agency from (1) using the number of arrests made or citations issued by a law enforcement officer as *a* (rather than *the sole or primary*) criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer and (2) requesting enforcement actions or directing an officer to act for the purpose of increasing the number of citations or arrests delivered by the officer.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to affect local government finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A law enforcement agency is prohibited from (1) establishing a formal or informal quota for the law enforcement agency or its law enforcement officers or (2) using the number of arrests made or citations issued by a law enforcement officer as *the sole or primary* criterion for promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer. However, these provisions do not preclude a law enforcement agency from (1) using arrest or citation data as management tools or in evaluating performance; (2) collecting, analyzing, and applying information concerning the number of arrests and citations in order to ensure that a particular law enforcement officer or group of law enforcement officers does not violate an applicable legal obligation; or (3) assessing the proportion of arrests made and citations issued by a law enforcement officer or group of law enforcement officers.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Harford, Montgomery, and Talbot counties; Comptroller's Office; University System of Maryland; Department of General Services; Maryland Department of Health; Department of Natural Resources; Department of State Police; Maryland Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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