SENATE BILL 285

By: **Senator Carter** Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2023 Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

County Police Accountability Boards – Investigation of Complaints of Police Misconduct

- FOR the purpose of authorizing the local governing body of a county to authorize, by local
 law, the county's police accountability board to exercise investigatory and subpoena
 powers; authorizing a police accountability board to conduct an investigation of
 police misconduct concurrently with a law enforcement agency investigating the
 complaint; and generally relating to county police accountability boards.
- 9 BY adding to
- 10 Article Public Safety
- 11 Section 3–102(e)
- 12 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

- 16 Article Public Safety
- 17 3–102.

18 (E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL 19 GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, MAY BY LOCAL LAW 20 AUTHORIZE ITS POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TO EXERCISE INVESTIGATORY 21 AND SUBPOENA POWERS.

22 (2) A POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD MAY CONDUCT AN 23 INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. 3lr1001



1 SUBSECTION CONCURRENTLY WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING 2 THE COMPLAINT.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 4 October 1, 2023.