

# SENATE BILL 285

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By: Senator Carter

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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A BILL ENTITLED

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.

BY adding to

Article – Public Safety  
Section 3-102(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume)

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

### **Article – Public Safety**

3-102.

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

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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**SUBSECTION CONCURRENTLY WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING THE COMPLAINT.**

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