



STATE OF MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Wes Moore

May 23, 2024

The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President of the Senate of Maryland
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear President Ferguson:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 380 – *Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup*.

This bill establishes a Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors contributing to the decline in police officer retention statewide, which is duplicative of a workgroup created under House Bill 597/Senate Bill 470 – *Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce*, also known as the GAPS Act. The latter bill was introduced by the Moore–Miller Administration, passed by the General Assembly, and signed by me. It is not necessary to create two workgroups designed to address the same problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Wes Moore'.

Wes Moore
Governor

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