

# HOUSE BILL 122

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By: **Delegate Young**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Accountability – Police Officer Complainant**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a police officer to file a complaint of police misconduct with  
4 a police accountability board; and generally relating to police accountability.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article – Public Safety  
7 Section 3–102 and 3–113  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Public Safety**

13 3–102.

14 (a) Each county shall have a police accountability board to:

15 (1) hold quarterly meetings with heads of law enforcement agencies and  
16 otherwise work with law enforcement agencies and the county government to improve  
17 matters of policing;

18 (2) appoint civilian members to charging committees and trial boards;

19 (3) receive complaints of police misconduct filed by members of the public  
20 **AND POLICE OFFICERS**; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) (i) on a quarterly basis, review outcomes of disciplinary matters  
2 considered by charging committees; and

3 (ii) on or before December 31 each year, submit a report to the  
4 governing body of the county that:

5 1. identifies any trends in the disciplinary process of police  
6 officers in the county; and

7 2. makes recommendations on changes to policy that would  
8 improve police accountability in the county.

9 (b) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the local  
10 governing body shall:

11 1. establish the membership of a police accountability board;

12 2. establish the budget and staff for a police accountability  
13 board;

14 3. appoint a chair of the police accountability board who has  
15 relevant experience to the position; and

16 4. establish the procedures for record keeping by a police  
17 accountability board.

18 (ii) An active police officer may not be a member of a police  
19 accountability board.

20 (2) To the extent practicable, the membership of a police accountability  
21 board shall reflect the racial, gender, and cultural diversity of the county.

22 (c) (1) A complaint of police misconduct filed with a police accountability board  
23 shall include:

24 (i) the name of the police officer accused of misconduct;

25 (ii) a description of the facts on which the complaint is based; and

26 (iii) contact information of the complainant or a person filing on  
27 behalf of the complainant for investigative follow-up.

28 (2) A complaint need not be notarized.

29 (d) A complaint of police misconduct filed with a police accountability board shall  
30 be forwarded to the appropriate law enforcement agency within 3 days after receipt by the  
31 board.

1 3-113.

2 (a) The investigating unit of a law enforcement agency shall immediately review  
3 a complaint [by a member of the public] alleging police officer misconduct.

4 (b) An administrative charging committee shall review and make a determination  
5 or ask for further review within 30 days after completion of the investigating unit's review.

6 (c) The process of review by the investigating unit through disposition by the  
7 administrative charging committee shall be completed within 1 year and 1 day after the  
8 filing of a complaint [by a citizen].

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
10 October 1, 2025.