

# SENATE BILL 77

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By: **Senators Waldstreicher and Sydnor**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State and Local Finance – Use of Funds – Prohibition**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting a county or municipality and certain units of a county or  
4 municipality from using public funds to provide funding or payments to a certain  
5 organization; prohibiting an officer or unit of State government from using any  
6 appropriation to provide funding or payments to a certain organization; prohibiting  
7 certain organizations that receive public funds from a county or municipality or  
8 funds appropriated by the State from using those funds to provide funding for or  
9 payment to a certain organization; and generally relating to the use of public funds  
10 and funds appropriated by the State.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Local Government  
13 Section 1–1321  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2013 Volume and 2024 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
18 Section 7–240  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Local Government**

24 **1–1321.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(A) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING A UNIT OF A COUNTY OR**  
2 **MUNICIPALITY, MAY NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OR**  
3 **PAYMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFFS AND PEACE OFFICERS**  
4 **ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING FUNDING OR PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES,**  
5 **TRAININGS, CERTIFICATIONS, OR CONFERENCES.**

6           **(B) AN ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES PUBLIC FUNDS FROM A COUNTY OR**  
7 **MUNICIPALITY MAY NOT USE THOSE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OR PAYMENT**  
8 **TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFFS AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,**  
9 **INCLUDING FUNDING OR PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES, TRAININGS,**  
10 **CERTIFICATIONS, OR CONFERENCES.**

11                                   **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

12           **7-240.**

13           **(A) AN OFFICER OR A UNIT OF STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT USE ANY PART**  
14 **OF AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OR PAYMENT TO THE**  
15 **CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFFS AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING**  
16 **FUNDING OR PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES, TRAININGS, CERTIFICATIONS, OR**  
17 **CONFERENCES.**

18           **(B) AN ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY THE**  
19 **STATE MAY NOT USE THOSE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR OR PAYMENT TO THE**  
20 **CONSTITUTIONAL SHERIFFS AND PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION, INCLUDING**  
21 **FUNDING OR PAYMENT FOR MEMBERSHIP DUES, TRAININGS, CERTIFICATIONS, OR**  
22 **CONFERENCES.**

23           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June**  
24 **1, 2025.**