

Chapter 493

(Senate Bill 533)

AN ACT concerning

Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative Charges

FOR the purpose of altering the ~~deadline~~ deadlines for the completion of the process of review and investigation by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; requiring a law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an administrative charging committee within a certain period of time; requiring an administrative charging committee or law enforcement agency to file any administrative charges for alleged police officer misconduct that ~~reasonably appears to be~~ is the subject of a criminal investigation within a certain period of time; and generally relating to police accountability.

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

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

Article – Public Safety

3–113.

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

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

~~(c)~~ [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(E)~~ (D) OF THIS SECTION, FOR AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND A POLICE OFFICER, THE process of review by:**

(1) THE INVESTIGATING UNIT SHALL COMPLETE ITS INVESTIGATION AND FORWARD ITS FINDINGS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE WITHIN 334 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC;

(2) THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW AND MAKE A DETERMINATION OR ASK FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER RECEIPT OF THE INVESTIGATING UNIT'S FINDINGS; AND

(3) THE PROCESS OF REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION BY the investigating unit through disposition by the administrative charging committee shall be completed within ~~1 year and 1 day~~ **395 DAYS** after the ~~filing~~ filing of a complaint by a ~~citizen~~ **MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC** ~~DATE THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL EMPLOYED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BECAME AWARE OF THE INCIDENT.~~

~~(D)~~ **(C)** EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(E)~~ **(D)** OF THIS SECTION, A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL FILE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES ARISING OUT OF AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED POLICE OFFICER MISCONDUCT THAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE REVIEWED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE WITHIN 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY AFTER THE DATE THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL EMPLOYED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, **AS DETERMINED BY WRITTEN POLICY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY,** BECAME AWARE OF THE INCIDENT THAT LED TO THE INVESTIGATION.

~~(E)~~ **(D)** IF ALLEGED POLICE OFFICER MISCONDUCT IS ~~RELATED TO ACTIVITY THAT REASONABLY APPEARS TO BE~~ THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL FILE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES WITHIN 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY AFTER THE DATE OF:

(1) THE INVESTIGATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S TIMELY DETERMINATION THAT THE MATTER IS NOT RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY;

(2) THE ~~FINAL~~ DISPOSITION OF ALL ~~RELATED~~ CRIMINAL CHARGES FILED AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICER; OR

(3) THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE'S OR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S RECEIPT OF TIMELY NOTICE THAT THE APPROPRIATE PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY DECLINED TO FILE CRIMINAL CHARGES.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2025.