

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2025 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 77

(Senators Waldstreicher and Sydnor)

Budget and Taxation

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**State and Local Finance - Use of Funds - Prohibition**

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This bill prohibits an officer or a unit of State government from using any part of an appropriation to provide funding for or payment to the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA). The bill also prohibits a county or municipality, including a unit of a county or municipality, from using public funds to provide funding for or payment to CSPOA. An organization that receives funds appropriated by the State or public funds from a county or municipality may not use those funds to provide funding for or payment to CSPOA. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not substantively change State activities or operations.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local government operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** None directly relevant. An officer or unit of State government may not use any part of an appropriation to settle a claim of unlawful harassment or discrimination, based on any characteristic protected by law, filed against an official or employee of State government in the individual's personal capacity.

A unit of a county or municipal government may not knowingly use public funds to influence the decisions of county or municipal employees to support or oppose an

employee organization that represents or seeks to represent the county or municipal employees or become a member of an employee organization. Specified activity is exempted from this prohibition.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Maryland Association of Counties; Maryland Municipal League; Office of the Attorney General; Department of Budget and Management; Department of Legislative Services

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