

April 9, 2021

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On April 9, 2021, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor, vetoed the following pieces of legislation passed by the General Assembly; the reasons for the vetoes are indicated:

SB 71
Policy

Senator Sydnor, et al

**MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 –
BODY–WORN CAMERAS, EMPLOYEE PROGRAMS, AND USE OF
FORCE**

Requiring certain law enforcement agencies to require the use of body–worn cameras by July 1, 2023, for each law enforcement officer that regularly interacts with the public; requiring a certain body–worn camera to automatically record and save at least 60 seconds of video footage immediately prior to the officer activating the record button; requiring each law enforcement agency to establish a certain system to identify police officers who are at risk of using excessive force and to provide appropriate responses to reduce the risks; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 178
Policy

Senator Carter

MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – SEARCH WARRANTS AND INSPECTION OF RECORDS RELATING TO POLICE MISCONDUCT (ANTON’S LAW)

Requiring that an application for a certain no–knock search warrant be approved in writing by a police supervisor and the State’s Attorney; requiring a certain no–knock search warrant to be executed between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., absent exigent circumstances; requiring a certain custodian to allow inspection of certain records by certain persons; providing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a police officer is not a personnel record for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HB 670
Policy

The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability)

MARYLAND POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021 – POLICE DISCIPLINE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND PROCEDURES

Repealing the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights; prohibiting a police officer from preventing a citizen from recording the officer’s actions if the citizen is otherwise acting lawfully and safely; establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and the Maryland Police Officers Scholarship Program; requiring the Police Training and Standards Commission to take certain actions in response to violations of a certain Use of Force Statute; requiring each county to have a police accountability board; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Sincerely,

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