

SB 1029 Public Information Act  
Personnel and Investigatory Records - Complaints Against Law Enforcement Officers  
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Good Day Elected Officials,

I am a Prince Geprge's county resident and I am in support of this bill with the amendments proposed by the ACLU and others which are the following which would allow the disclosure of:

1. Use or attempted use of force;
2. Sexual assault;
3. Dishonesty, perjury, false statements, false reports, destruction, creation, falsification or concealing evidence, directly related to the reporting, charging, investigation, or prosecution of unlawful conduct;
4. Discrimination or bias;
5. Misconduct alleged by a member of the public, or involving an interaction with a member of the public, that is directly related to the reporting, charging, investigation, or prosecution of unlawful conduct; and
6. Criminal activity by a law enforcement officer

Additionally, I would like for the custodial charge who determines if complaint-record information is disclosable to the complainant or others to be independent of law enforcement agencies and instead be made up of citizens similar to a jury with the same selection process.

Including these amendments strengthens the bill in a manner that appropriately allows for the residents, constituents, and voters of Maryland to be able to interact with the officers in their community that are sworn to protect them. With these amendments, officers that are interacting with the public in a positive and just manner are also protected from false allegations as well. This bill, with the following amendments, is imperative to beginning to heal the community relations between Law enforcement and communities throughout Maryland.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter and taking a moment to read my testimony.

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Community Advocate