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BILL NO.: **SB 166**

TITLE: Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Duty to Report
Misconduct (Maryland Police Accountability Act)

SPONSOR: Senator Sydnor

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

POSITION: **LETTER OF INFORMATION**

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Senate Bill 166 – Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Duty to Report Misconduct (Maryland Police Accountability Act) is a bill that would require a police officer to report specified criminal conduct of another police officer to a supervisor or police chief upon knowledge of the criminal conduct.

In October 2020, Baltimore County passed the SMART Policing Act, a law that set forth policing procedures which modernized policing tactics, updated use of force policy, improved training and accountability, and expanded transparency in the department. The establishment of the duty to report misconduct was included as a system of accountability for law enforcement officers who misuse their position, and for those who fail to report these instances.

This legislation would effectively implement policies Baltimore County currently has in place at the State level, and would be adopted by jurisdictions that currently do not have such a law.

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