



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

BILL: Senate Bill 50 - Criminal Procedure - Police Officers
- Duty to Intervene

SPONSOR: Senator Carter

HEARING DATE: January 28, 2021

COMMITTEE: Judicial Proceedings

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POSITION: SUPPORT

The Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 50 - Criminal Procedure - Police Officers - Duty to Intervene**, which establishes a duty for police officers to intervene. Specifically, the bill requires a police officer to intervene when they know of/see another police officer on the verge of using, or already using, excessive force. The bill also requires entry-level and recurring in-service training for police officers on their duty to intervene.

Given that authority that we grant police officers in their day-to-day dealings with the public, police officers are uniquely empowered to step in and shield the public from a fellow officer who is going too far in their use of force. The Prince George's Police Department already teaches entry-level recruits and existing police officers that they must intervene in the circumstances described in this bill. It is time these policies are made standardized across the State.

For these reasons, the Office of the Prince George's County Executive **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 50** and asks for a **FAVORABLE** report.