

Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association



Maryland House of Delegates Judiciary Committee

February 17, 2021 1pm

Hearing on SB 588

Law Enforcement -Misconduct Database

MCDAA POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENTS

Bill explanation: The bill creates a database of Law Enforcement Officers concerning allegations of police misconduct and findings of discredited testimony in Court.

MCDAA's position: MCDAA members are very supportive of the sponsor's attempts to address this important issue. Currently MCDAA members, along with the Office of Public Defender, are working to implement such a database and are revising the contents to preserve constitutional rights and due process. We will continue to work with the sponsor to craft amendments which will ultimately create such a database to help better inform defendants of track record of the police officers involved in the case.

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