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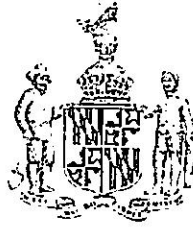
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**HB 1220-General Assembly- Use of Force – Required Training Program**  
**House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee**

**March 11, 2022**

Chair Healey, Vice Chair Holmes and members of the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee:

Last year the Maryland General Assembly added additional layers of police oversight and accountability for law enforcement. I would like to suggest that the training provided in this bill will equip State legislators with knowledge to be a base for better understanding of the time critical, decision-making process that law enforcement officers must utilize in use-of-force situations. As the legislators contemplate laws that could impact our law enforcement professionals, having this educational experience would help to inform them of the types of use-of-force scenarios that law enforcement officers encounter on a daily basis. This hands-on experience will provide insights that cannot be gained by merely reading about use-of-force responses in the media or seeing media footage of police encounters.

It is my understanding that there are several county law enforcement agencies that utilize some type of virtual training simulator system for their use-of-force training. They include: Anne Arundel County, Baltimore County, Harford County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County. This is in addition to the Virtual Training Simulator (VTS) that the Maryland State Police obtained in 2021. Between the county agencies and the State Police, it should be possible to provide 188 legislators with an abbreviated experience within a 2 year period.

HB 1220 creates a requirement that each Senator and Delegate must attend a virtual program on law enforcement officer use-of-force training within the first 2 years of every elected or appointed term of office. The program should include a hands-on, virtual reality simulation on use-of-force component and be at least 2 hours in length. The Maryland Police Standards and Training Commission would be required to maintain a list of legislators indicating their status of participation, and post the information on their website.

I respectfully ask for a favorable report from the committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa E. Reilly".

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