



# Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

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**Senate Bill 0300**  
**In Support Of**  
**Criminal Procedure – Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior**  
**Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee**  
**Hearing: March 15, 2022, 1:00 p.m.**

Dear Honorable Senator William Smith, Jr., Chair, and Honorable Senator Jeff Waldstreicher, Vice Chair, and distinguished Judicial Proceedings Committee members,

**The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports SB 0300 Criminal Procedure – Victims of Sexually Assaultive Behavior and requests a favorable report from your committee.**

This bill requires an Assistant State’s Attorney to meet with a victim of sexual assault if the Office of the State’s Attorney has elected to dismiss charges against the suspect. The Assistant State’s Attorney would be required to meet with the victim within 20 days from receiving the request from the victim.

This is a reasonable request as the rights of victims of sexual assault are often not given sufficient support. It is also reasonable that victims would want to understand the reasons for the dismissal and to get that information in a meeting so questions can be asked, and information can be explained in-person.

On behalf of the almost 13,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we urge your support for victims of sexual assault by giving a favorable report to SB 0300.

Sincerely,

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President

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