



March 8, 2022

Senate Bill 749

Public Safety - 3-1-1 Systems - Nonemergency Information

Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 749 - Public Safety - 3-1-1 Systems - Nonemergency Information **WITH AMENDMENTS**. SB 749 establishes the Maryland 3-1-1 Board and a statewide 3-1-1 system under the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to provide certain nonemergency information.

9-1-1 specialists are often burdened with nonemergency calls that take away time from urgent calls for police, fire, or paramedics. Anne Arundel County offers a 3-1-1 system for nonemergency services to both lessen the number of nonemergency calls going to our 9-1-1 Centers, and to ensure our residents have easy access to the county services they need. This legislation would expand the 3-1-1 system statewide, creating a standardized system for residents to access nonemergency government services.

Anne Arundel County supports this legislation with the amendments supported by the Maryland Association of Counties to ensure that Anne Arundel County and other local jurisdictions are not burdened with the cost of a statewide system.

For all of these reasons, I respectfully request a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on Senate Bill 374.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steuart Pittman".

Steuart Pittman
County Executive