



State of Maryland  
Office of the Attorney General

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TO: The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair, Judicial Proceedings  
Committee

FROM: Carrie J. Williams, Assistant Attorney General

RE: Attorney General's Support for SB 556

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The Attorney General urges the Judicial Proceedings Committee to report favorably on SB 556. SB 556 mandates that all law enforcement agencies require the use of body-worn cameras by July 1, 2025. Currently, only the law enforcement agencies of a county are required to have body-worn cameras by July 1, 2025.

Body-worn cameras promote transparency in law enforcement. They can also corroborate witness testimony and provide training opportunities. Expanding the requirement for body-worn cameras to all law enforcement agencies will help create uniformity and consistency in law enforcement in Maryland.

The Attorney General urges a favorable report on SB 556.

cc: Members of the Committee