

MCPA-MSA_HB 411 _Local Law Enforcement Coordinatin

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Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

Maryland Sheriffs' Association



MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Luke Clippinger, Chair and
Members of the Judiciary Committee

FROM: Chief of Staff David Morris, Co-Chair, MCPA, Joint Legislative Committee
Sheriff Darren Popkin, Co-Chair, MSA, Joint Legislative Committee
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: February 8, 2022

RE: **HB 411 Public Safety – Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and
Coordinator and State Aid for Police Protection Fund**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 411**. This bill establishes the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator position to provide a forum for local law enforcement to work collaboratively on public safety matters and solutions, identify best practices, develop model policies, share data, train the next generation of Chiefs and Sheriffs, and provide professional education opportunities for executive level staff. The bill also provides a 50% increase in state police aid to local jurisdictions statewide.

MCPA and MSA is very supportive of the permanent 50% increase in state police aid and the inclusion of Baltimore City in this funding. These additional resources will provide support to our local law enforcement agencies and allow them to focus on reducing crime, strengthening community relationships, and building upon public safety initiatives.

As described above, the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator position will provide a forum for local law enforcement to work collaboratively on public safety matters and solutions, identify best practices, develop model policies, share data, train the next generation of Chiefs and Sheriffs, and provide professional education opportunities for executive level staff. While there is a Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission (MPTSC), a Law Enforcement Coordinating Council, and Regional Law Enforcement Councils, these entities have a broader focus and do not provide the type of model policy development, data collection, and training and professional development opportunities envisioned by HB 411. Modeled after the State's Attorney's Coordination Council, this formalized structure will fill these needs.

Many times, in policy discussions a question is asked about policies local law enforcement agencies have in place such as a model use of force policy or how many law enforcement

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agencies have body worn cameras. While regulations are adopted by the MPTSC for these policies, currently an entity does not work to specifically develop model policies for agencies or collect such data. While the MPTSC establishes training requirements for law enforcement officers, an entity does not focus on leadership training and professional development to ensure executive staff can effectively lead our law enforcement agencies of tomorrow. When new legislation is enacted, there is an expectation that all law enforcement agencies are informed and prepared to implement the changes, yet there is no formalized structure to educate agencies on the changes to be sure they are prepared. These are just a few examples of which the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator will focus. Working closely with the Council Executive Committee composed largely of representatives from MCPA and MSA, the Coordinator will ensure these duties are performed and coordinate with other law enforcement commissions and councils as appropriate. It is envisioned that the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council will meet throughout the year to discuss the model policies, data collection efforts, and benefit from leadership training and professional development opportunities.

The structure envisioned by HB 411 will also provide resources to carry out these functions. Following the enactment of police reform legislation last session, MPCA and MSA immediately began preparing training sessions to educate law enforcement agencies of the new legislation, requirements, and implementation dates. This was coordinated with the MPTSC to ensure there was no overlap in responsibilities. A total of 6 extensive, half day training sessions were led by a small group of Chiefs and Sheriffs. While effective, preparing for and hold these training sessions, took an extensive amount of time and more training sessions were really needed to fully educate agencies on the new laws. With additional resources, more training sessions could have been scheduled with smaller groups or trainers could have been used to assist. This is just one example of how the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator position could be used.

As the MPTSC continues its work to develop regulations to implement police reform legislation, many more training sessions are going to be needed to ensure executive staff across all agencies properly implement these bills. MCPA and MSA believe this Coordination Council and Coordinator will be an integral part of these implementation efforts as well as other policy, data, and training initiatives.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA SUPPORT HB 411 and urge a FAVORABLE report.

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Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

February 8, 2022

Committee: House Judiciary

Bill: HB 411 - Public Safety – Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator and State Aid for Police Protection Fund

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 411, which establishes a Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and increases the funding to qualifying municipalities for police protection.

The Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council, which may include several municipal police chiefs, and its Coordinator are designed to facilitate working relationships among municipal and county law enforcement agencies. This is already occurring to some degree, but a formalized council and coordinator tasked with sharing resources, reducing redundancies, developing model practices, and streamlining training could significantly improve public safety services and reduce costs.

The most tangible aspect of HB 411 is the increase in funding of \$975 per officer to qualifying municipalities for police protection. There are about 1820 municipal officers in the State, so this bill could provide as much as \$1.775 million in additional funding for municipal police protection. This additional State aid would significantly subsidize critical operation expenses within municipal police agencies.

For these reasons the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 411 with a favorable report.

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February 8, 2022

Chair Luke Clippinger
Judiciary Committee
Room 101
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 411 - Public Safety – Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator and State Aid for Police Protection Fund

POSITION: Support

Dear Chair Clippinger and Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (Office) is providing this letter of support for House Bill 411: Public Safety – Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator and State Aid for Police Protection Fund.

This legislation alters the calculation of grants payable to certain local governments under the State Aid for Police Protection Fund by increasing the amount for the State to pay to each county. State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) was created as a line budget item in the 1980s, along with several other grants, to be treated as a general revenue. SAPP is a formula-driven funding program used to supplement resources for police protection in our local communities. State funds provide additional revenue to support the operational costs of local and county police agencies. Funds are distributed based on a formula derived through a subdivision's population, number of police officers in the agency, and the total jurisdictional taxable income. Annual fund distributions are calculated according to the previous year's operations costs.

The new statutory figure from HB 411 would be \$8.96 per person from the original \$2.50 figure and to Baltimore City, \$0.50 per person; and to each county that borders the District of Columbia, in addition to the \$8.96 amount required, \$0.50 per person living in the county within 1 mile of the border between the State and the District of Columbia. The State would allocate the supplemental grant on a per person basis

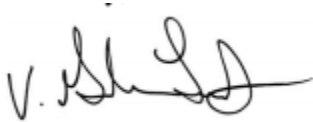
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among the county and the qualifying municipalities in that county and distribute the resulting allocation to each county and qualifying municipality. In addition to the payments referenced above, each fiscal year, the State shall pay to each qualifying municipality, \$2,925 (formerly \$1,950) for each sworn officer actually employed on a full-time basis by the qualifying municipality, as determined by the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services. In addition, the City of Baltimore would receive a \$8,000,000 grant for police efforts as well.

This is part of the Governor's expanded Re-Fund The Police Initiative, a three-year, \$500 million investment in increased support for law enforcement, and for increased crime control and victim protection services across the state. The \$137 million in that initiative for a 50% increase in state police aid to local jurisdictions statewide is the State Aid for Police Protection Fund mentioned above. As the State Agency who allocates SAPP funding, The Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services works to promote criminal justice strategies and programs that advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims. This funding supports that mission and with the passing of this legislation, our local law enforcement agencies receive the aid they need to do their jobs more effectively and promote a safer Maryland.

For these reasons, the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services supports House Bill 411 and urges a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Executive Director
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House Bill 411 Public Safety - Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator and State Aid for Police Protection Fund

Position: Support

House Judiciary Committee

February 8, 2022

Keiffer Mitchell, Chief Legislative Officer & Senior Counselor, Office of the Governor
Erin Chase, Deputy Legislative Officer, Office of the Governor

Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Moon, and Members of the Committee,

House Bill 411 increases State Aid for Police Protection (SAPP) funding by 50%, and creates the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and coordinator position. This legislation fulfills Governor Hogan's promise to better support the police by increasing funding to ensure that our local law enforcement agencies have the tools and support they need to effectively keep our communities safe.

Crime, particularly violent crime, has skyrocketed across the country, and it has become apparent that we need to equip our law enforcement partners with adequate funding so that they can fulfill their duties of combating crime and protecting our neighborhoods and communities. SAPP funding was established in the 1980s to increase and supplement resources for police protection expenditures in our local communities. The legislation changes the funding formula to allow for a permanent 50% increase in funding. This increase in SAPP funding will benefit all jurisdictions in the state, including Baltimore City, who historically has not received this funding due to previous mutual agreements on state support. Eligible uses for SAPP funding include salaries and wages, capital outlay, debt service, and numerous other expenditures related to operating expenses, such as communications and contractual services. This allows the police to focus on activities directly connected with the detection and prevention of crime. Additional funding will allow our police agencies to focus on reducing crime, advancing public safety initiatives, and strengthening relationships with the communities.

Creation of the Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council, and the accompanying coordinator position, will help ensure that our local law enforcement agencies are able to work collaboratively on public safety issues and solutions, and give them the opportunity to better share data, identify best practices, and track data to ensure uniform training is occurring. This initiative will enable the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association to further expand operational training and support.

The Hogan administration takes the safety and protection of Marylanders very seriously, and this bill will better equip our law enforcement agencies and officers to protect our communities and citizens.

For these reasons, the Administration respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 411.

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House Bill 411

*Public Safety – Local Law Enforcement Coordination Council and Coordinator and
State Aid for Police Protection Fund*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Judiciary Committee

Date: February 8, 2022

From: D'Paul Nibber and Michael Sanderson

The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** HB 411. This bill would create a council to coordinate local enforcement efforts and substantially increase supplemental law enforcement grants to counties, including Baltimore City.

In recent years, local law enforcement officials have been charged with adopting several reforms to conform with current best practices. The costs of these reforms have often fallen on stressed county and municipal budgets. HB 411 would potentially provide these governments with over \$40 million in additional funding that could be used to:

- Implement body worn camera programs;
- Hire additional civilian staff to assist with case backlogs;
- Construct and staff civilian review boards; and
- Modernize training modules.

The coordinating council established in HB 411 would provide a forum to better manage intergovernmental agreements and joint policing efforts – potentially improving responses to human trafficking and similar matters that cross jurisdictional boundaries.

Altogether, HB 411 would provide meaningful financial assistance to counties seeking to reform and modernize their local law enforcement practices. For this reason, MACo **SUPPORTS** HB 411 and urges a **FAVORABLE** report.