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Testimony in Support of SB0658 - Anne Arundel County - Sheriff - Salary

Mr. Chair, Madame Vice Chair, and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

SB0658 would require Anne Arundel County to set the salary of the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County equal to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale.

Background

Under existing law, the Sheriff's salary is set at a static level that has not changed since 2015. The current salary level is long outdated and is lower than other members of the Sheriff's team.

Solution

Starting in 2027, SB0658 would:

- Provide a salary increase for the first time in twelve years; and,
- Set the salary moving forward to the salary of a captain in the Anne Arundel County Police Department at step 20 in the pay scale, removing the need for future legislative action to increase the Sheriff's salary.

Please note that the salary adjustment would not effectively change until after the 2026 election, despite what Section 1 of the bill says. Per the Fiscal Note, SB0658 would not have a state fiscal impact. In addition to this testimony, members will find a letter attached from the Anne Arundel County Senate Delegation affirming its support for this bill. SB0658 is in the exact same posture as its cross-file, HB0668.

For these reasons, I respectfully request a favorable report on SB0658 on behalf of the Anne Arundel County Senators.