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**Favorable: HB 492 – Frederick County - County Employees and Volunteers - Criminal History Records Check**

Hearing on 3/6/2025 at 1:00 PM.

Honorable Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett and valued Fellow Members of the Judiciary Committee,

The purpose of HB 492 – Frederick County – County Employees and Volunteers – Criminal History Records Check is to authorize Frederick County to perform finger-print assisted criminal background checks to streamline their hiring security sensitive positions and positions that interact with vulnerable adults and minors.

Streamlining Frederick County’s background checks would remove barriers to starting employment with Frederick County and reduce the burden placed on the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office to process state and federal background checks. Some security sensitive positions will continue to warrant an extensive background check by the Sheriff’s Office.

This measure follows other local governments across the state. Similar statutory authority exists for Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Dorchester, Howard, Kent, Prince George’s, Talbot, Washington, and Wicomico counties.

This bill was approved and supported by the Frederick County Sheriff and the Frederick County delegation.

Similar legislation has not been introduced in recent years.

I respectfully request a favorable report for **HB 492 – Frederick County - County Employees and Volunteers - Criminal History Records Check.**

Thank you for your time and consideration.