



Senate Bill 483

Position: Favorable

Committee: Judicial Proceedings

Date: February 17, 2026

Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce (“Maryland Chamber”) is a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic growth and opportunity for all Marylanders.

Senate Bill 483 (SB 483) will create an automated process to expunge eligible criminal records, which will remove administrative barriers and further promote participation in Maryland’s workforce. SB 483 benefits both jobseekers and the broader economy. Employers gain access to a larger, more diverse pool of skilled workers, while individuals regain the opportunity to contribute productively to their communities and the state’s economy.

Importantly, SB 483 maintains public safety protections by limiting automatic expungement to eligible cases, ensuring a balanced approach that protects communities while promoting second chances. We believe this is a practical policy that strengthens Maryland’s workforce and supports economic growth. **For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 483.**