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**Sponsor Testimony**

**Chair Smith, Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and Members of the Committee:**

For the record, my name is **Senator C. Anthony Muse**, and I represent **District 26 in Prince George's County**. I am before you today, presenting **Senate Bill 320: Expungement - No Finding and Case Terminated Without Finding**, for your consideration.

This bill is a technical fix to the expungement statute that will allow charges designated as "No Finding" to be eligible for expungement. It was voted out of the House last year but did not move in the Senate due to concerns from the District Court, notably their desire to understand the issue's scope and ensure proper implementation. During the interim, they have examined the issue, and the bill before you is their final product.

Under current law, expungement is available for acquittals, dismissals, and a limited selection of misdemeanors and felonies. In Prince George's County, many residents have a unique disposition called "No Finding," which is not enshrined in statute and makes them ineligible for expungement. Before the Justice Reinvestment Act of 2016, some judges in Prince George's County used no findings to prevent individuals from being convicted of minor crimes because conversations about expungement access had not yet been fully explored. Thus, we have a large contingent in Prince George's County with charges that would be eligible for expungement under normal circumstances but are not due to this unique disposition.

Senate Bill 320 is a technical fix to the expungement statute that addresses the "No Finding" disposition. It makes it eligible for expungement in accordance with the intent of the judicial officials who created the designation. Thank you for your consideration, I urge a favorable report.