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**SENATE BILL 320 Criminal Procedure - Expungement - No Finding and Case Terminated Without Finding**

Chair Bartlett, Vice Chair Davis, and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

For the record, I am Senator C. Anthony Muse, presenting Senate Bill 320: Expungement - No Finding and Case Terminated Without Finding, as amended.

This bill is a technical fix to the expungement statute that will allow charges designated as “No Finding” to be eligible for expungement if the underlying charge is eligible for expungement. I want to thank this committee for passing the House Cross-file and thank Delegate Taylor for working diligently on this. I will quickly address why the bill was amended.

During the interim, we worked with our committee counsel and the Maryland Judiciary to craft language that the courts can implement, making no-finding dispositions eligible for expungement. However, in the bill drafting process the language was changed slightly from what our counsel and the courts had agreed to, which isn’t feasible for proper implementation. Thus, the amended language in Senate Bill 320 returns us to the original language agreed to by the committee counsel, the sponsors, and the courts over the interim.

I urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 320 as amended.