



# Maryland Chiefs of Police Association

## Maryland Sheriffs' Association



### MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Jheanelle Wilkins, Chair and  
Members of the Ways and Means Committee

FROM: Darren Popkin, Executive Director, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Andrea Mansfield, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee  
Samira Jackson, Representative, MCPA-MSA Joint Legislative Committee

DATE: March 11, 2026

RE: **HB 1328 Public Safety – Department of State Police – School Mapping Data Program**

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT HB 1328 WITH AMENDMENTS**. This bill, with amendments being offered by the Sponsor, clarifies the role of law enforcement and public safety agencies with respect to the School Mapping Data Program and ensures law enforcement is a partner with the school system in the development of mapping data.

MCPA and MSA strongly supported legislation that was enacted two years ago to create the School Mapping Data Program which allows local school boards in consultation with local law enforcement agencies to apply for funds through the Maryland Center for School Safety to produce school mapping data for each public school in the county. HB 1328, with the suggested amendments, will reinforce law enforcement's role in the development of maps by requiring approval of certain aspects of the maps to ensure they meet law enforcement's needs.

When an emergency occurs at a school, time is of the essence. Law enforcement has precious minutes to respond accordingly. The mapping data would provide accurate and up-to-date information on the school buildings and grounds so that first responders aren't entering the building completely blind and can coordinate appropriate entry or response.

Mapping data and funding created under this new program will provide a valuable resource in assisting first responders as they respond to emergencies at a school. For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT HB 1328** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.