



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: April 2, 2026

RE: **SB 148 INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY
EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME**

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

The Maryland Chiefs of Police Association (MCPA) and the Maryland Sheriffs' Association (MSA) **SUPPORT SB 148**. This bill includes 9-1-1 specialists in the definition for “emergency services personnel” thus making them eligible to receive retirement income attributable to the individual’s employment.

Under HB 13, 9-1-1 specialists are included in the definition for “emergency services personnel”, along with medical technicians and paramedics. This bill acknowledges and shows respect for the important and essential work that our 9-1-1 specialists do on a daily basis during emergency situations. Including 9-1-1 specialists in this bill is a decision that the MCPA and MSA see as valuable and necessary.

For these reasons, MCPA and MSA **SUPPORT SB 148** and urge a **FAVORABLE** committee report.