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HB 221/23 – JUD

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By: **Delegates Grammer, Bouchat, Chisholm, Conaway, Crutchfield, Kaufman, Phillips, Roberson, Schmidt, Simmons, Simpson, Taylor, Tomlinson, and Williams**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement – Quotas**
3 **(Community-Oriented Policing Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a prohibition against using the number of arrests made,
5 investigations conducted, citations issued, or warrants served or executed by a law
6 enforcement officer as a criterion for the evaluation, compensation, discipline,
7 promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer; prohibiting law
8 enforcement agencies from requiring, suggesting, requesting, or directing certain
9 actions by a law enforcement officer; and generally relating to law enforcement
10 quotas.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Public Safety
13 Section 3–504(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Public Safety
18 Section 3–504(b)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Public Safety**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3–504.

(a) In this section, “quota” means the mandating of a finite number of arrests made or citations issued that a law enforcement officer must meet in a specified time period.

(b) A law enforcement agency may not:

(1) establish **OR MAINTAIN** a formal or informal quota for the law enforcement agency or law enforcement officers of the agency; **[or]**

(2) use the number of arrests made **[or], INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, citations issued, OR WARRANTS SERVED OR EXECUTED** by a law enforcement officer as **[the sole or primary]** A criterion for **EVALUATION, COMPENSATION, DISCIPLINE,** promotion, demotion, dismissal, or transfer of the officer; **OR**

(3) REQUIRE, SUGGEST, OR REQUEST ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS OR DIRECT AN OFFICER TO ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, WARRANTS SERVED OR EXECUTED, OR CITATIONS OR ARRESTS DELIVERED BY THE OFFICER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2024.