

HOUSE BILL 1091

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By: **Delegate Smith**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City Sheriff's Office – Collective Bargaining – Compensation**

3 FOR the purpose of including salary, ~~and wages, and certain benefits~~ in the compensation
4 with regard to which full-time sworn law enforcement officers and court security
5 officers in Baltimore City may collectively bargain; altering the person with whom
6 the full-time sworn officers and court security officers are to seek recognition for the
7 purposes of collectively bargaining concerning certain matters; specifying that the
8 full-time sworn officers and court security officers are to bargain in good faith with
9 the Sheriff, or the Sheriff's designee, and Baltimore City, rather than either the
10 Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee or Baltimore City based on the subject of the
11 collective bargaining; and generally relating to collective bargaining rights for
12 employees in the Baltimore City Sheriff's Office.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
14 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
15 Section 2–316(a) and (i)(1) and (2)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
20 Section 2–316(i)(3)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

Article – Court and Judicial Proceedings

2–316.

(a) This section applies only in Baltimore City.

(i) (1) This subsection applies only to all full–time sworn law enforcement officers who are deputy sheriffs at the rank of lieutenant or below and court security officers.

(2) This subsection does not apply to the following employees in the Sheriff's Office:

(i) Sworn law enforcement officers in the Sheriff's Office at a rank of captain or above;

(ii) Employees in appointed positions;

(iii) Civilian merit system employees;

(iv) Full–time reduced hours employees;

(v) Part–time employees;

(vi) Contractual employees;

(vii) Temporary employees;

(viii) Emergency employees; or

(ix) Employees whose employment is administered under the Baltimore City policies and procedures manual.

(3) (i) A deputy sheriff or a court security officer has the right to:

1. Take part in or refrain from taking part in forming, joining, supporting, or participating in any employee organization or its lawful activities;

2. Be represented by an exclusive representative, if any, in collective bargaining; and

3. Engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining.

(ii) Full-time sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers may seek recognition by the Sheriff or the Sheriff's designee in order to organize and bargain collectively in good faith WITH THE SHERIFF, OR THE SHERIFF'S DESIGNEE, AND THE CITY concerning the following matters:

1. Compensation, [excluding] **INCLUDING** salary, wages, **MERIT STEP INCREASES**, and those benefits determined, offered, administered, controlled, or managed by the City;

2. Leave, holidays, and vacations; and

3. Hours, working conditions, and job security.

~~(iii) Sworn law enforcement officers and court security officers may seek recognition in order to organize and bargain collectively in good faith with the City concerning merit step increases and those benefits determined, offered, administered, controlled, or managed by the City.~~

~~(iv)~~ 1. A sworn law enforcement officer or a court security officer who is a member of a bargaining unit with an exclusive representative may discuss any matter with the employer without the intervention of the exclusive representative.

2. If a discussion under subparagraph 1 of this subparagraph leads to a resolution or an adjustment of a dispute, the resolution or adjustment may not be inconsistent with the terms of a collective bargaining agreement then in effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.