

SENATE BILL 533

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(5lr2945)

ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Senators Folden, Bailey, Salling, ~~and Ready~~ Ready, Smith, Waldstreicher, James, West, McKay, ~~and~~ Muse, and M. Jackson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Police Accountability – Time Limit for Filing Administrative**
3 **Charges**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the ~~deadline~~ deadlines for the completion of the process of
5 review and investigation by a certain investigating unit through disposition by an
6 administrative charging committee under certain circumstances; requiring a law
7 enforcement agency to file any administrative charges arising out of an investigation
8 of alleged police officer misconduct that is not required to be reviewed by an
9 administrative charging committee within a certain period of time; requiring an
10 administrative charging committee or law enforcement agency to file any
11 administrative charges for alleged police officer misconduct that ~~reasonably appears~~
12 ~~to be~~ is the subject of a criminal investigation within a certain period of time; and
13 generally relating to police accountability.

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Public Safety
Section 3–113
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

Article – Public Safety

3–113.

(a) The investigating unit of a law enforcement agency shall immediately review
a complaint by a member of the public alleging police officer misconduct.

~~(b) An administrative charging committee shall review and make a determination
or ask for further review within 30 days after completion of the investigating unit's review.~~

~~(c)~~ [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(E)~~ (D) OF THIS SECTION,
FOR AN INCIDENT INVOLVING A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AND A POLICE OFFICER,
THE process of review by:**

**(1) THE INVESTIGATING UNIT SHALL COMPLETE ITS INVESTIGATION
AND FORWARD ITS FINDINGS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE
WITHIN 334 DAYS AFTER THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC;**

**(2) THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE SHALL REVIEW AND
MAKE A DETERMINATION OR ASK FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITHIN 30 DAYS
AFTER RECEIPT OF THE INVESTIGATING UNIT'S FINDINGS; AND**

(3) THE PROCESS OF REVIEW AND INVESTIGATION BY the investigating
unit through disposition by the administrative charging committee shall be completed
within ~~1 year and 1 day~~ **395 DAYS** after the ~~[filing of a complaint by a citizen~~ **MEMBER OF**
THE PUBLIC] ~~DATE THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL EMPLOYED BY THE LAW~~
~~ENFORCEMENT AGENCY BECAME AWARE OF THE INCIDENT.~~

~~(D)~~ **(C)** **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION ~~(E)~~ (D) OF THIS SECTION, A
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL FILE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES ARISING
OUT OF AN INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED POLICE OFFICER MISCONDUCT THAT IS NOT
REQUIRED TO BE REVIEWED BY AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE
WITHIN 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY AFTER THE DATE THAT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL
EMPLOYED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AS DETERMINED BY WRITTEN
POLICY OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, BECAME AWARE OF THE INCIDENT
THAT LED TO THE INVESTIGATION.**

1 ~~(E)~~ (D) IF ALLEGED POLICE OFFICER MISCONDUCT IS ~~RELATED TO~~
2 ~~ACTIVITY THAT REASONABLY APPEARS TO BE~~ THE SUBJECT OF A CRIMINAL
3 INVESTIGATION, AN ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE OR LAW
4 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL FILE ANY ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES WITHIN 1 YEAR
5 AND 1 DAY AFTER THE DATE OF:

6 (1) THE INVESTIGATING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S TIMELY
7 DETERMINATION THAT THE MATTER IS NOT RELATED TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY;

8 (2) THE ~~FINAL~~ DISPOSITION OF ALL ~~RELATED~~ CRIMINAL CHARGES
9 FILED AGAINST THE POLICE OFFICER; OR

10 (3) THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE'S OR LAW
11 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY'S RECEIPT OF TIMELY NOTICE THAT THE APPROPRIATE
12 PROSECUTORIAL AUTHORITY DECLINED TO FILE CRIMINAL CHARGES.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.