

SENATE BILL 621

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SB 285/23 – JPR

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CF HB 533

By: **Senator Carter**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **County Police Accountability Boards – Investigation of Complaints of Police**
3 **Misconduct**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the local governing body of a county to authorize, by local
5 law, the county's police accountability board to exercise investigatory and subpoena
6 powers; authorizing a police accountability board to conduct an investigation of
7 police misconduct concurrently with a law enforcement agency investigating the
8 complaint; and generally relating to county police accountability boards.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Public Safety
11 Section 3–102(e)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Public Safety**

17 3–102.

18 **(E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL**
19 **GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, MAY BY LOCAL LAW**
20 **AUTHORIZE ITS POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD TO EXERCISE INVESTIGATORY**
21 **AND SUBPOENA POWERS.**

22 **(2) A POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD MAY CONDUCT AN**
23 **INVESTIGATION OF A COMPLAINT OF POLICE MISCONDUCT UNDER THIS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SUBSECTION CONCURRENTLY WITH A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INVESTIGATING
2 THE COMPLAINT.

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