

SENATE BILL 298

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Judicial Proceedings/Judiciary* —

Introduced by **Senator Henson**

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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 **Department of General Services – Maryland Capitol Police – Statewide**
3 **Jurisdiction**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the
5 Department of General Services; and generally relating to the Maryland Capitol
6 Police and the Department of General Services.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – State Finance and Procurement
9 Section 4–601 and 4–605
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

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.



1 ENFORCEMENT SHALL BE PROVIDED ~~AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE AND~~
2 ~~AS APPLICABLE TO:~~

3 (I) TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE
4 OF THE SECRETARY, REASONABLY IN ADVANCE OF THE INVESTIGATION OR
5 ENFORCEMENT, UNLESS AN EMERGENCY OR EXIGENCY EXISTS; AND

6 (II) TO THE FOLLOWING, AS APPLICABLE, AFTER THE
7 INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT:

8 ~~(I)~~ 1. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AGENCY LISTED IN § 1-101(C)(1)(II) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OR THE
10 DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE;

11 ~~(II)~~ 2. IN A COUNTY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
12 POLICE PROVIDES GENERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT:

13 ~~1. A.~~ 1. A. THE COMMANDER OF THE LOCAL BARRACKS FOR THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE COMMANDER; AND

15 ~~2. B.~~ 2. B. THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE
16 DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

17 ~~(III)~~ 3. IN BALTIMORE CITY:

18 ~~1. A.~~ 1. A. THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OR THE DESIGNEE OF
19 THE POLICE COMMISSIONER; AND

20 ~~2. B.~~ 2. B. THE SHERIFF OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE SHERIFF;
21 AND

22 ~~(IV)~~ ~~1. 4. A.~~ 1. 4. A. THE SECRETARY OF STATE POLICE OR THE
23 DESIGNEE OF THE SECRETARY;

24 ~~2. B.~~ 2. B. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE MARYLAND TRANSIT
25 ADMINISTRATION POLICE FORCE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF;

26 ~~3. C.~~ 3. C. THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE MARYLAND
27 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SECURED TRANSPORT AND INVESTIGATION UNIT OR
28 THE DESIGNEE OF THE CHIEF; AND

1 ~~4~~ **D. THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MARYLAND**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES POLICE OR THE DESIGNEE OF THE**
3 **SUPERINTENDENT.**

4 **(3) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
5 **SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ADOPTED STATE**
6 **REGULATIONS, POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING.**

7 **[(b)] (C)** Consistent with Article 8 of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, with
8 respect to State legislative buildings in the City of Annapolis, the presiding officers of the
9 General Assembly shall have final authority over the use of and access to the buildings by
10 the members of the General Assembly, their staff, and Department of Legislative Services
11 personnel.

12 4-605.

13 (a) (1) In accordance with the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions
14 Article, the Secretary may establish a police and security force, known as the Maryland
15 Capitol Police of the Department of General Services, **WITH STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**
16 to protect ~~PUBLIC OFFICIALS,~~ people, and property [on or about improvements, grounds,
17 and multiservice centers under the jurisdiction of the Department, and in the surrounding
18 areas of the buildings and grounds in the State as described] in **ACCORDANCE WITH §**
19 **4-601** of this subtitle.

20 (2) (i) The Secretary shall appoint the Chief of the Maryland Capitol
21 Police of the Department of General Services.

22 (ii) The Chief of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of
23 General Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

24 (iii) The Chief of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of
25 General Services shall supervise and direct the affairs and operations of the Maryland
26 Capitol Police.

27 (3) The Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services
28 may include sworn police officers.

29 (b) A member of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General
30 Services may not be involuntarily transferred from a site to another site.

31 (c) Subject to subsection (d) of this section, a Maryland Capitol Police officer has
32 all the powers granted to a peace officer and a police officer of the State.

33 (d) A Maryland Capitol Police officer may exercise the powers described in
34 subsection (c) of this section within the Department's jurisdiction as specified in § 4-601 of
35 this subtitle provided the police officer:

1 (1) meets the legal requirements set forth by the Maryland Police Training
2 and Standards Commission; and

3 (2) is designated by the Department as a police officer.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That before a police officer of the
5 Maryland Capitol Police within the Department of General Services exercises the powers
6 granted under this Act in Baltimore City, the Maryland Capitol Police must enter a
7 memorandum of understanding with the Baltimore Police Department.

8 SECTION ~~2.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.