



Prince George's County, Maryland
Inter-Office Memorandum
Office of Law

LEGISLATIVE COMMENT

DATE: June 14, 2023

TO: Jennifer Jenkins, Council Administrator

THRU: Nathaniel Tutt, Committee Director
Health, Human Services and Public Safety

FROM: Rhonda L. Weaver, County Attorney *Rhonda Weaver*

RE: CB-56-2023

The Office of Law has reviewed the above referenced bill as it was presented on May 9, 2023, and finds it to be in proper legislative format. However, the Office of Law offers the following comments for consideration:

1. Page 2, line 27: “increase”—is there a specific measurement or amount being required
The Office of Law sees no legal impediments to its adoption.
2. Page 2, line 30: “population” should be defined
3. Page 12, line 12: What is meant by neighborhood patrols? Should use language that matches patrol assignment language utilized by the Police Department.
4. Page 4, lines 1-3: The ACC and PAB are not a division of the Department.
5. Page 4, lines 13-14: the referral of youth to intervention programs is done by Department of Juvenile Services
6. Page 4, lines 15-17: information regarding types of calls for substance abuse, at least part of that information is with Public Safety Communications; however, it is not known if PSC would have the “outcome”, i.e., what happens after patient is transported to the hospital.
7. Page 5, lines 1-3: The Administrative Charging Committee and the Police Accountability Board are not part of the Police Department
8. Page 5, Section 3.B appears to ask for the same information as Section 3.N

9. Page 5, Section 3.F: the illegal possession of marijuana is now 1.5 ounces for persons 21 and older
10. Page 5, Section 3.G: under new law, not clear that this activity is illegal
11. Page 5, Section 3.J: it is assumed this is requesting the same reporting information as Md. Code Public Safety Article, Section 3-514. If so, this provision is duplicative of State law and will be posted on website Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services.
12. Page 5, Section K: it is assumed that this refers to Md. Code Criminal Procedure Section 1-203. That provision broadly details requirements related to search warrants. It is recommended that specificity and clarity be provided as to what the information that is requested.
13. PP. 5-6; Section 3.U-W: may have similar issues referenced above regarding mental health service calls. Can further be clarified during committee hearing.

Cc: Lochelle Ferguson