

HOUSE BILL 953

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By: **Delegate Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Law Enforcement – Racial Equity Audits and Coordinators**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the chief of each law enforcement agency with a certain
4 budget to perform a certain annual racial equity audit and hire a racial equity
5 coordinator; and generally relating to law enforcement agencies.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Public Safety

8 Section 3–523

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Public Safety**

14 **3–523.**

15 **THE CHIEF OF EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, WITH A BUDGET OF OR**
16 **EXCEEDING \$50,000,000, SHALL:**

17 **(1) CONDUCT AN ANNUAL RACIAL EQUITY AUDIT RELATED TO**
18 **PRACTICES ON HIRING, DISCIPLINE, AND USE OF FORCE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT;**
19 **AND**

20 **(2) HIRE A RACIAL EQUITY COORDINATOR TO PROMOTE EQUITY IN**
21 **HIRING, DISCIPLINE, AND USE OF FORCE PRACTICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 October 1, 2021.