

**SB0777/823628/1**

BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 777  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Public**” insert “**Task Force to Study**”; in the same line, strike “- **Records Relating to Police Misconduct – Fees**” and substitute “**Requests Made to Law Enforcement – Establishment**”; strike beginning with “prohibiting” in line 3 down through “misconduct” in line 6 and substitute “**establishing the Task Force to Study Public Information Act Requests Made to Law Enforcement; and generally relating to the Public Information Act**”; and strike in their entirety lines 7 through 11, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 13, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “**Article – General Provisions**” in line 14 on page 1 down through “fee” in line 33 on page 2 and substitute:

“(a) There is a Task Force to Study Public Information Act Requests Made to Law Enforcement.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

- (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (4) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender’s designee; and

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(5) the following members, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House:

- (i) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
- (ii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- (iii) one representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;
- (iv) one representative of the Maryland Sheriffs Association;
- (v) one representative of the Maryland, Delaware, and District of Columbia Press Association, Inc.;
- (vi) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association; and
- (vii) one representative of the Baltimore Legal Action Team.

(c) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Office of the Attorney General shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

- (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but
- (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Task Force shall review and study:

- (1) costs charged by law enforcement agencies in relation to disclosure of records requested under the Maryland Public Information Act;

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(2) procedures applied by law enforcement agencies in the disclosure of records requested under the Maryland Public Information Act; and

(3) the status and operations of the Maryland Public Information Act Compliance Board.

(g) (1) On or before December 31, 2022, the Task Force shall submit an interim report on its findings, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(2) On or before December 31, 2023, the Task Force shall submit a final report on its findings, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.”.

On page 3, in line 2, strike “October 1, 2022” and substitute “June 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 9 months and, at the end of February 29, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect”.