

# HOUSE BILL 946

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By: **Delegate Thiam**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Judiciary

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Police Administrative Charging Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of providing for the composition of an administrative charging committee  
4 for Washington County; and generally relating to the police administrative charging  
5 committee for Washington County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
7 Article – Public Safety  
8 Section 3–104(a)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)  
11 (As enacted by Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021)

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

14 **Article – Public Safety**

15 3–104.

16 (a) (1) Each county shall have one administrative charging committee to serve  
17 countywide law enforcement agencies and local law enforcement agencies within the  
18 county.

19 (2) A county administrative charging committee shall be composed of:

20 (i) the chair of the county’s police accountability board, or another  
21 member of the accountability board designated by the chair of the accountability board;

22 (ii) two civilian members selected by the county’s police  
23 accountability board; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iii) two civilian members selected by the chief executive officer of the  
2 county.

3 **(3) (I) THIS PARAGRAPH APPLIES ONLY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY.**

4 **(II) FOR EACH COMPLAINT REVIEWED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE**  
5 **CHARGING COMMITTEE, THE HEAD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, OR A**  
6 **DESIGNEE OF THE HEAD OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, THAT EMPLOYS THE**  
7 **POLICE OFFICER WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THE COMPLAINT SHALL SERVE AS AN**  
8 **ADVISORY, NONVOTING MEMBER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE.**

9 **(III) THE MEMBER DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF**  
10 **THIS PARAGRAPH:**

11 **1. SHALL BE PRESENT FOR ALL DELIBERATIONS OF THE**  
12 **ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE RELATING TO THE COMPLAINT;**

13 **2. MAY ANSWER QUESTIONS ASKED BY OTHER MEMBERS**  
14 **OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE; AND**

15 **3. MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY VOTE OR DECISION OF**  
16 **THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGING COMMITTEE.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2022, the effective date of Chapter 59 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021. If the  
19 effective date of Chapter 59 is amended, this Act shall take effect on the taking effect of  
20 Chapter 59.