

# SENATE BILL 581

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By: **Senator Bailey**

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Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Law Enforcement Agencies – Positive Community Feedback**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to  
4 develop a process for citizens to submit certain feedback; requiring each law  
5 enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback  
6 process; requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is  
7 subject to public inspection; and generally relating to law enforcement agencies.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Public Safety

10 Section 3–207(k) and 3–519.1

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Public Safety**

16 3–207.

17 **(K) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL DEVELOP A UNIFORM CITIZEN POSITIVE**  
18 **COMMUNITY FEEDBACK PROCESS TO BE FOLLOWED BY EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
19 **AGENCY.**

20 **(2) THE UNIFORM CITIZEN POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK**  
21 **PROCESS SHALL:**

22 **(I) BE SIMPLE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(II) BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COMMISSION AND**  
2 **EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.**

3 **3-519.1.**

4           **(A) EACH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL ADOPT THE UNIFORM**  
5 **CITIZEN POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK PROCESS DEVELOPED BY THE**  
6 **MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION UNDER § 3-207 OF**  
7 **THIS TITLE.**

8           **(B) A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY SHALL:**

9                   **(1) POST THE AGENCY'S CITIZEN COMPLAINT PROCESS ON THE**  
10 **AGENCY'S WEBSITE IF THE AGENCY MAINTAINS A WEBSITE; AND**

11                   **(2) MAINTAIN A RECORD OF POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK FOR**  
12 **ALL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE AGENCY.**

13           **(C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, RECORDS**  
14 **MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION ARE SUBJECT TO PUBLIC**  
15 **INSPECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT.**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 October 1, 2022.