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BILL NO.: **HB 1579**

TITLE: Public Safety - Crime Plan and Law Enforcement Councils
 (Maryland State Crime Plan)

SPONSOR: Delegate Clippinger

COMMITTEE: Judiciary

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 10, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1579 – Public Safety - Crime Plan and Law Enforcement Councils (Maryland State Crime Plan). This bill establishes the Law Enforcement Coordinating Council and requires the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to submit a monthly report detailing how State assets are being deployed to fight crime.

Baltimore County supports efforts to enhance government transparency as well as efforts to enhance the coordination of regional law enforcement strategies. Crime is not restricted to a specific set of borders, and addressing crime requires public safety initiatives that are collaborate and comprehensive. By establishing a council that coordinates crime fighting efforts statewide, the State would join Baltimore County and others in inter-jurisdictional crime fighting efforts. This legislation is also noticeable for its comprehensive reporting requirements. If enacted, it would allow Maryland residents more access to the State’s long-term crime prevention efforts and would offer insight into how particular communities are affected.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1579. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.