



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

February 2, 2022

Delegate Luke Clippinger  
Chairman  
House Judiciary Committee

HB 527 St. Mary's County- Emergency Services Applicants- Polygraph Examinations

**Favorable**

**The purpose of the bill:**

The purpose of this bill is to exempt applicants for employment as a paramedic or EMT in St. Mary's County or for employment at the St. Mary's County Emergency Call Center, from the prohibition of employers requiring that an individual take a polygraph examination as a condition of employment.

**Why this bill is needed:**

EMT's and Paramedics regularly administer narcotics and other EMS medicines. EMT's and Paramedics regularly enter the homes and business of those in their time of need and when they are most vulnerable. It important to ensure our personnel are of the highest caliber with high morals and ethics. Dispatchers are exposed to sensitive information and are governed by the Maryland State Police Criminal Justice Information System rules and Maryland Law. Dispatchers must be fingerprinted before they can be certified as a CJIS operator. A polygraph is a tool that ensures the ability to hire the right person for this sensitive position.

The legislation was requested by and has the support of the St. Mary's County Board of County Commissioners. This bill has the unanimous support of the St. Mary's County Delegates. We ask that the Committee pass the bill with a **FAVORABLE** report.

Matt Morgan

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Morgan".

Chair,  
St. Mary's County Delegation