

Dear Delegate

I write to you on behalf of Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform with a request for your support for four important bills — the first two will be heard Wednesday and Thursday; another simply awaits your vote to support:

1) SB 201 would help Marylanders who have been found not guilty or otherwise had charges against them dismissed by automatically removing online records of those charges from public view after three years. This is only fair for dismissed charges and would give young people a better chance to find employment.

2) SB 497 (and its already-passed crossfile HB 71) is supported by the Department of Juvenile Services to offer a comprehensive plan to give committed Maryland youth a better education that can transfer back to public schools on release.

One other important police bill already has been heard by the House Judiciary Committee, but still needs to be voted for:

3) Awaiting your vote of support! — SB 178, 'Anton's Law,' would support police transparency and public confidence by making police-misconduct investigations publicly available. This valuable police policy bill deserves a favorable report as well!

Thank you for your help to keep our criminal justice system functioning fairly and efficiently for all Marylanders, despite these difficult times.

Sincerely,