

MARYLAND ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE REFORM

Working to end unnecessary incarceration and build strong, safe communities



Maryland General Assembly, in the final hours of the 2022 Session, passed three MAJR priority bills that we hope the Governor will approve and not veto.

The Governor has thirty days from the close of the legislative session to decide whether he will approve or to veto legislation that has made it to his desk. We want him to focus on three bills separately and intend to send him emails in three separate campaigns. We ask for your help in putting pressure on the Governor.

Please urge the Governor to approve these bills to protect our communities and to improve fairness and effectiveness of Maryland's criminal justice system!

Here is the third and last of these critical bills:

[SB 763 - criminal justice transparency.](#)

As amended, SB 763 calls for

- a) Maryland's Parole and Probation Division to make annual reports on the number of individuals with homicide and firearm convictions under supervision,
- b) the State Sentencing Commission to publish more prominently sentencing guidelines - compliance regarding crimes of violence convictions,
- c) adoption of a uniform-matrix for police discipline, other disciplinary procedures, and adding procedural powers to Independent Investigative Division regarding police-involved killing of civilians;
- d) creating a "Task Force to Study Criminal Justice Data Transparency Standards for State's Attorneys" to recommend "minimum transparency standards" for prosecutors and to report by 12/31/23.

While amendments diluted collection of State's Attorneys' plea bargain data in the coming year to assess causes of huge racial disparities in Maryland's incarceration of African-Americans, SB 763 now contains significant improvements to police accountability and an early step towards prosecutors' accountability. We urge its approval.

How you can help:

Please contact Governor Hogan and ask him to approve and not veto this long-needed bill.

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