



# HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

## Office of the County Auditor

### FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

**Bill Number:**  
22-018

Police Accountability  
Board and Charging  
Committee

**Sponsor:**  
Council President Vincenti  
at the request of the  
County Executive

**Estimated Fiscal Impact:**  
\$200,000 budgeted for  
Fiscal Year 2023

**Additional Information:**

Version: 01  
based on bill as  
introduced 05/10/2022  
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#### Summary of Legislation

AN EMERGENCY ACT to add new Article XXII, Harford County Police Accountability Board, and new Article XXIIA, Harford County Administrative Charging Committee, to Part 3, Authoritative Boards and Commissions, of Chapter 9, Boards, Commissions, Councils and Agencies, of the Harford County Code, as amended; to establish the Harford County Police Accountability Board; to establish the membership and duties of the Board; to establish a citizen complaint process regarding police misconduct; to establish the Harford County Administrative Charging Committee; to define certain terms; to establish the membership and duties of the Committee; and generally relating to police accountability.

The emergency act will take effect on the date it is adopted.

#### Fiscal Analysis

This bill, if adopted, will update the County Code to establish the proposed Harford County Police Accountability Board and Harford County Administrative Charging Committee. The purpose of this legislation is to bring the County in compliance with the State's Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 which requires the establishment of the two boards.

The bill details the membership requirements for each board, including number of members and member eligibility. Members of the Police Accountability Board will need to be nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council. Members of the Administrative Charging Committee will be partially selected by the Police Accountability Board and partially by the County Executive. In addition, the bill establishes the duties of the boards and relevant definitions.

Funds of \$200,000 are included in the proposed FY2023 operating budget for the creation and execution of these two boards. The amount necessary to adequately sustain the boards is unknown at this time and may require additional funding in future years.