

# POLICE REFORM

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*Put judges and officers for yourself in all your cities that your God is giving you, for your tribes, and they shall judge the people with righteousness. You shall not subvert justice; you shall not show favoritism...justice, justice shall you pursue... – Deuteronomy 16:18-20*

Law enforcement should serve and protect everyone, but Black and brown Marylanders are facing systemic violence and over-policing every day. Jewish tradition teaches us that destroying one life is akin to destroying the entire world. Police violence has destroyed so many worlds in our state, and Maryland laws prevent the public from even finding out about officers' mistreatment of people. We must be able to hold police accountable to the people and communities they hurt.

## WHO'S IMPACTED

People hurt by police, particularly Black and brown individuals, immigrants, LGBTQI+ people, and those experiencing mental health crises.

## KEY COMMITTEES

- Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee (JPR), Chair: Will Smith (Montgomery County)
- House Judiciary Committee (JUD), Chair: Luke Clippinger (Baltimore City)

## LEGISLATIVE DETAILS

- Under the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA) disciplinary records of police may not be released, which prevents effective accountability and discipline for police officers.
- Remove legal barriers that prevent public access to records of police misconduct, both sustained and unsustained.
- Ensures public participation in holding police officers accountable for abuse and brutality.
- Bill Sponsors: Delegate Luke Clippinger (Baltimore City) and Senator Jill Carter (Baltimore City)