**Bowie Mayor Tim Adams announces Candidacy for Comptroller of Maryland**

Renowned tech CEO, philanthropist vows to work for accountability, justice and change

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Local law enforcement agencies would be required to submit an annual report detailing incidents that resulted in either a use of force or settlement against a police officer to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Victim and Services.

HB1248, sponsored by Delegate Alonzo T. Washington, Jr., would require agencies to submit an annual report to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and victim Services.

The bill stipulates that on or before March 1, each year, the Governor's coordinating offices would be required to submit the report detailing those incidents.

"What I came up with in this bill would directly increase the level of transparency on settlements and lawsuits for departments across the entire state," Washington said. "In a Feb. 23 House Judiciary Committee hearing, we saw that a little-known agency in our state, with a title "Capital Police Service", has had 108,000 records of use of force incidents in our county."

The report would include the age, gender, ethnicity and race of both the officer and individual involved in each incident as well as the date, time and location of when it occurred.

Additionally, it would highlight the dates of when the civil action was filed, when it was settled, when a judgment or settlement judgment was awarded to the plaintiff, according to the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Victim and Services website.

"It’s urgent for us to have a responsible and accurate account of how our state police are interacting with the public. There have been too many incidents where the police have overstepped," Washington said.

Only civil complaints that have been finalized will be included, complaints that are still in the process of litigation aren’t subject to the bill. Upon receiving the report, the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Victim and Services would be responsible for compiling all the data and submitting an annual report to the General Assembly on or before June 30th each year.

The Government co-sponsored a workshop on police reform in Prince George’s County at the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Victim and Services. The workshop was attended by the Governor’s Coordinating Office, a focal point during this legislative session on police reform in Prince George’s County at the Governor’s Coordinating Office.

"We are pleased to hear that this legislation would be easier to receive than it was being disempowered in this area by those agencies who are able to access rather than it being disseminated in the websites of several low law enforcement agencies."

The Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Victim and Services website will allow for taxpayers and legislators to quickly find the amount of money provided in the bill.

"I urge you to support this legislation that allows for this funding to flow to those who actually need it," Washington said.

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